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RUGBY: THE FIRST MOMENT OF TRUTH IS NEAR FOR WALES

BACK PAGE COMMENT by DON JOHN

Pupils jump for joy at transition day



Bryn Hafren school recently welcomed junior school pupils as part of their transition day, and there were plenty of fun activities on offer. See more Ian Dixon pictures on page 6.

Family's loving tribute to Stuart



ABOVE: Stuart Carney.

THE family of Stuart Carney (53) who was from Barry and died in a collision close to a Merthyr roundabout at Nant Ddu on Sunday (August 2), has released a loving tribute to him.

The family said:

"Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Stuart was a courageous, loving man who believed in you, helped you, and advised you to grow. He was a fearless leader and a hero to many."

"He was a devoted, caring husband, nurturing father and a best friend to us all."

"You will be sorely missed but still loved every single minute of the day. Gone but will never be forgotten. We love you always."

Rhoose library campaigners are set to take their case to the High Court

by GEM REPORTER

RHOOSE residents have won the right to challenge their local library closure in the High Court.

Under the Vale Council's strategy review, councillors voted in March to close Rhoose Library as part of a cost-cutting plan, unless volunteers came forward to take over the library and run it themselves.

The community instructed one of Wales' leading experts in administrative and public law, Michael Imperato of Watkins & Gunn Solicitors, to help fight the closure.

A judge in the High Court in Cardiff has agreed that the campaigners have an "arguable" case and has

granted campaigners a full hearing later this year.

A Vale Council spokesman told The GEM the judge had said that although the case should be heard, his decision to let it proceed

should "not be taken as an indication of a view that the claim is likely to succeed". The council intends to challenge the claim brought by the group.

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RESIDENTS' GROUP IS TO CONTINUE BIOMASS FIGHT

LOCAL campaigners voiced disappointment last week, after the Vale Council's planning committee meeting gave approval for a biomass plant in the docks area.

It still faces obstacles to going ahead and objectors have pledged to continue their fight against it.

The councillor for Castleland Ward, Chris Elmore, who has argued the plant is at odds with Barry regeneration and its ambitions for tourism, told The

GEM: "I cannot express enough my disappointment with the committee's decision on Thursday."

"I know many residents are angry with the decision and I can understand why. I spoke for three minutes listing possible objections, as did Friends of the Earth; however, clearly the committee took a different view from me and local residents."

"I still believe - as do many residents - that the decision of the committee is a retrograde step in the regeneration of Barry."

"We have made so much

progress over the last three years in improving the town and I only hope this decision doesn't halt this progress. I would like to thank those councillors, including my ward colleague, Coun Pam Drake, who voted and spoke against the plant being approved."

"My task now is to work with Natural Resources Wales and make sure they understand the objections and fears of residents."

"Clearly, they have a significant part to play as they will grant the licence for the plant and monitor it, if it progresses."

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'You saved my life'

ON Friday, July 24, I suffered a heart attack and I would like to thank the people who looked after me.

First, Dr Gail Price and her team at Pencoed Medical Centre, the paramedics on the ambulance, the team at Morriston Hospital under Dr G Jenkins and the doctors and nursing staff of Ward 4, at the Princess of Wales Hospital, in Bridgend.

So many times the Government and media criticise the NHS. I would just like to say that without their dedication, commitment and care, I would not be here today.

I, for one, and my family, would like to say a big "thank you" to them all, from the top to the bottom, and the cleaning staff. Long live the NHS.

Ian Griffiths,
Pencoed.

Bin and gone...

IFEEL visitors to Barry Island should be made aware that if they take the popular walking route around Friar's Point from the main car park, the distance to the next litter bin is nearly a mile.

On Nell's Point, there is a similar distance between the bin on Dingle Bridge and the next one on Redbrink Crescent.

As the circumference of the island is about three miles, this means that over half of the pathways on it don't have enough bins.

The Eastern Shelter and Promenade appear to house most of the council's supply, which to my eyes, is ridiculous bearing in mind the size of the area.

Could anyone at the

Vale Council explain the reason for this anomaly, or, more importantly, do something about it?

I'm sure the resort manager and his excellent team feel they are doing their job with "one hand tied behind their backs", as they are the ones who have to pick it up.

It's no good saying that people should take their own litter with them, as they obviously don't!

I walked round the Island over two years ago with a member of the parks department, who agreed with me – but obviously his

promise to do something about it, was overruled by 'higher beings', probably in favour of new chairs.

I asked for commonsense to be applied in a previous complaint. I'm asking again.

Mike Dunn,
Barry.

It's back to the blame culture?

WITH reference to the article in The GEM by Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend and First Minister, it is quite extraordinary, I feel, that a person in office and holding the positions that he does, is falling back on the 'old blame culture' – Westminster is to blame for things he has quoted.

Surely he is aware that there has been a recession worldwide and that the Labour

Government when in power at Westminster, went on spending on such things when the country and taxpayers did not have the money to do so?

If he feels so strongly about these issues, why does he not go on to include the cost to the taxpayers if these things were to be re-instated?

Would the forthcoming elections next year have a bearing on this, I may ask?

Mr Paul Clarke,
Barry.

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'CAR PARK CHARGES ARE NOT THE ANSWER'

AS a long time resident, born and brought up in Cowbridge and having seen the town evolve into what it is today, I do not think introducing car parking charges is the answer to solving its parking issues.

For local businesses to think this will boost trade in the town is, I feel, to say the least naive! It is well known that many people from outside choose to visit Cowbridge and spend their money for the convenience of being able to park their cars without having to pay high parking charges.

If the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade think introducing such a scheme is going to help the town prosper, I suggest they take a walk around other towns in the area where this has been done – such as Barry, Bridgend, Porthcawl, etc, to name but a few and see how many shops in these towns are closed and boarded up.

For the Vale Council to arbitrarily say this will

'More houses will worsen problem'

IT is gratifying that the Vale Council now appear to acknowledge that Cowbridge has a car parking problem.

The next step would be for them to acknowledge how much worse that problem will be when all the additional houses are built – that are planned in the LDP for Cowbridge and nearby villages.

Most people do not have an alternative when

they park, and if car parks are full now, they will remain full after charging has been introduced. Meanwhile, we shall see more and more on-street parking in residential streets.

Perhaps the Vale Council should be putting money aside for a multi-storey car park in the town centre, the logical consequence of all their (sustainable) proposed house building.

I am sure none of us would like to see one, but you can't magic cars off the streets.

Peter Sain ley Berry,
Cowbridge

'Let's all shop out of town!'

BY charging for parking in Barry's car parks, the revenue the council is expecting to gain will be yet another nail in the coffin of our town centre.

So what Brain of Britain thought this one up I wonder? To shop in your local home town is now going to add massively to your shopping budget. So why should we shop in Barry?

I have a great idea, we should all go out of town and shop in the out-of-town department stores where abundant parking is completely free of charge. Yes, that's a brilliant idea, let's decimate our town's businesses even further by charging them for parking in the town centre they already pay masses of council tax for the privilege of living in. **Barrie V Evans, (Coordinator, Barry First Group Barry Voice).**

'Wrong to increase parking charges'

ITHINK it is wrong that the council is putting up charges at car parks in Barry.

People will stop coming into Barry. They will kill the town off if they carry on charging. (Name and address supplied).

'free up' parking spaces, without providing any evidence to support this, is unacceptable.

Obviously, they would be in favour of such a scheme as a convenient cash cow to be milked to help swell their coffers, but before such a scheme is introduced, the question I would like answered is where is it intended to spend the revenue raised from this?

Is it simply to help cover the shortfall the council are facing as a result of inadequate fiscal management? Another option the council could consider, if they wish to raise revenue, is the introduction of residents' parking permits for those who live in houses that do not have the benefit of off-road parking.

Although not in complete agreement, what Vale MP Alun Cairns is suggesting seems to be a more reasonable approach to resolve the matter, as clearly what is needed are more parking spaces instead of more persecution of motorists visiting the town.

The old cattle market below The Butts is one place that could be turned into parking. This has not been used for many years and has simply been left to lie derelict.

Also, the old bowling green area where the new market is and the field area behind the police station houses serves no useful purpose, apart from providing access to the Verlands and the old school rugby field (not used very often since the new school was built on the Aberthir road) present other options for parking areas.

It seems to me this matter has not been properly thought through and I suggest those who think it is the answer, take heed that it could have the opposite effect and spell the death knell of trade in the town.

Andrew Small,
Cowbridge.

Better solution to parking spaces?

ISUSPECT most people in Barry and Cowbridge will see the introduction of parking charges as just another means for the council to generate income from us tax payers.

Cabinet members whose areas are not affected by the proposal for car parking charges are seeking to justify the decision to impose charges on Barry and Cowbridge, ('Parking charges are on the way', The GEM, July 30).

But why just Barry and Cowbridge? Coun Burnett explains on social media that "This report deals with those first" and "There is no town centre car park in Penarth".

So that's alright then! Coun Gwyn John from Llantwit Major, claims "charges are geared towards creating an increased turnover, freeing up parking spaces for shoppers popping into town –

rather than those who would otherwise sit in a space all day".

He said it is "not just about generating much-needed income. We (presumably the council or cabinet) are confident that increasing parking turnover, will help our town centres and resorts thrive by increasing the availability of spaces and reducing congestion."

If they really believe that, why aren't cabinet members from other shopping areas, eg Llantwit and Penarth, demanding that they, too, need parking charges so that their towns thrive?

There are better ways to increase the availability of spaces: what about free 20 minute or one hour parking areas? And in terms of generating much needed income, why not merge with another council and save a few £million every year?

Dennis Harkus
FocusBARRY member

Why go against public opinion?

With reference to biomass plants, I have worked as an instrument and control engineer on many installations – ie boilers, waste furnace and other plants of the above nature.

When new, these installations require constant attention, because they stray into the dangerous levels of toxicity.

When slightly older, they get worse and are always deviating from safe level.

Bearing in mind that the wind in Barry is

generally in the west, which would put Sully and Penarth in the toxic footstep, any other would put the aforesaid footprint over Barry. Remember coal dust everywhere?

Mr Kennett needs to live near one of these plants to enjoy the 'pleasures' of fall-out.

I cannot understand why the powers that be would consider going against public opinion in this matter.

Barry Prince, Barry GEM NOTE: This letter was written before last Thursday's planning committee meeting that approved the scheme.

'Welcome back, MV Balmoral'

IT is great to see the refurbished MV Balmoral back sailing in the Bristol Channel and I have recently enjoyed two trips aboard, one to Bristol up the River Avon and under Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge, and another to Ilfracombe.

All credit to the volunteers who have worked to diligently in raising around £400k for this fine ship's restoration.

The weather so far

Bus stops, for a long walk!

IFIND it amazing, that even during the school holidays, Cardiff Bus cannot run Service 96 to the now thriving Barry Island – instead, leaving families faced with the long walk from the Ship Hotel to the Island and back.

Cardiff Bus gave up running buses to Tesco and Marks & Spencer at Culverhouse Cross years ago. Thankfully, that service has been re-instated by NAT Travel.

Cardiff Bus use a strap line "We'll get you there"....erm, I don't think so.

Malcolm Wilson, Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 13)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
06 Thur	11.35	9.4	23.58	9.3
07 Fri			12.26	8.8
08 Sat	00.58	8.7	13.28	8.3
09 Sun	02.07	8.3	14.44	8.1
10 Mon	03.24	8.0	16.07	8.1
11 Tues	04.41	8.2	17.14	8.5
12 Wed	05.43	8.6	18.08	8.9
13 Thur	06.31	9.0	18.52	9.3

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Councillor faces conduct hearing over '£3.5m exit cash' comments

A councillor who voiced concern in The GEM about 'exit packages' costing over £3.5million at the Vale Council is being accused of breaking a code of conduct.

Earlier this year, Rhosce councillor Phil Clarke said that in days of austerity, the public expected every pound to be spent carefully and the council should reconsider its policy on discretionary payments to employees.

He pointed out that exit packages awarded to personnel earning in excess of £60,000 between 2010 and 2014 totalled £3,573,824.

This week, Coun Clarke told The GEM that following the article, he might be in hot water.

"Since being elected as an independent councillor, I have been on the 'Early Retirement/Redundancy Committee'. During these meetings, I have often scrutinised the higher discretionary payments made to leaving employees, in order to prevent any overspend of public finances.

"In January, I expressed my concern and added that some of the councillors on this committee had 'a trade union background'.

"Those councillors now allege that by saying that, it implies that they will vote in a certain way.

"They think I have broken 'The Code of Conduct/Protocol-Standard of Conduct Expected by Members' and have made a complaint."

The issue will be dealt with by the Standards Committee soon.

Coun Clarke claimed whatever the outcome of the conduct hearing, he was in a lose-lose situation.

"The procedure chosen goes to 'Stage 3' in private without the conciliation process and

by TIM CHAPMAN

is not subject to appeal, which is in discord with the principles of natural justice. Should the complaint be upheld, I could be censured and publicity given to the names of councillors involved. If not, publicity is not given to the councillors involved."

He said that from the point of view of the councillors involved, it

was: "Heads we win, tails you lose."

Coun Clarke said he planned to vigorously defend his position.

In January, the Vale Council emphasised it always endeavoured to avoid redundancies and redundancy payments as part of an agreed 'avoiding redundancy' policy.

A spokesman said: "Where redundancies are necessary, then payments are made in accordance with the council's statutory

requirements and related discretionary provisions.

"The business case for all redundancy payments is considered and determined by the council's 'early retirement and redundancy committee' and all payments are reported in the council's annual statement of accounts."

The GEM approached the Vale Council and a spokesman said they were unable to comment on the Coun Clarke case.

'FLOOD SCHEME WILL PROTECT LOCAL HOMES'

A £2.9 million flood alleviation scheme was given the go-ahead for Barry last week.

Cadoc ward members Coun Neil Moore, Coun Anne Moore, and Coun Fred Johnson have expressed their satisfaction that the longstanding flood risk in the Gibbonsdown, Cadoxton and Palmerston areas of the town will in future be greatly reduced by the Coldbrook Catchment Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Coun Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "There are over 200

homes and three schools within the flood risk area and in the last serious flooding in 2007 more than 100 properties were damaged.

"I am sure that this scheme will come as a great relief to the residents of the Cadoc ward and the surrounding area."

Coun Anne Moore added: "As local councillors, we have long campaigned for an improvement to the area's flood prevention infrastructure, and are delighted to see the hard work of all of those involved in developing this scheme pay off."

DINAS REMEMBERS ANOTHER FALLEN HERO

AUGUST 12 sees the 100th anniversary of the death of 34-year-old Ernest Johnson, a young regular soldier from Dinas Powys, who went to France in 1914 with the British Expeditionary Force to defend France and Belgium in the First World War.

Ernest was originally from Alvington in Gloucestershire, but moved to Dinas Powys when in 1909 he married Rose Naldrett, whose father was the foreman gardener at the Eastbrook nursery, which then flourished in the Chapel Row area.

They later had a young son, Ernest Rex

who, sadly, like so many others of that generation, never got the opportunity to know his father. He was just four when his father died.

Ernest was by profession a platelayer on the railway, in much demand as the railways expanded in south Wales. He used his skills when he joined the 2nd Battalion of the Welch Regiment attached to the 107th Company of Royal Engineers.

The Royal Engineers were involved in a variety of construction projects including the building of bridges and railways, as well as tunnelling beneath enemy lines to lay explosives. The battalion

embarked for France in August 1914, though records indicate that Ernest did not reach France until November, therefore avoiding the early carnage of the Battles of Mons and the Marne.

The regiment was involved in winter operations through 1914 and the following spring, including the Battle of Aubers Ridge in May. But after a year in the field, Ernest was killed

in action on August 12, 1915, the third of the 38 men from Dinas to lose his life in the war.

Ernest is buried at plot F37 in the Cambrin churchyard extension. Cambrin is a village just east of Bethune and north of Arras, and was then located about 800 metres from the frontline trenches. He is also proudly remembered on the war memorial on the Twyn in Dinas Powys.

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Cwmtalwg reserve picks up a Green Flag

KEEP Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners – the mark of a high quality park or green space.

A record-breaking 40 community-managed green spaces in Wales have met the high standard needed to receive the prestigious Green Flag Community Award.

The Cwmtalwg Woodlands Residents' Group is extremely proud to have received the Green Flag Community Award for 2015/16 for the Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve, Severn Avenue, Barry, in recognition of their excellent facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

The Nature Reserve first received this award for 2004/05; the first judge's comments were that 'this is a great nature reserve and serves the

community well' and thanks to volunteers and supporters, the site has continued to receive an award every year since then.

The group would like to encourage more volunteers to come to the work parties held on most Sunday mornings from 10am – 12pm. Members also support the group with subscriptions and donations, which are a valuable source of the money needed to maintain the reserve.

To volunteer, become a member or make a donation, contact Anne Bryan at a.bryan@ntlworld.com. More details of the project can be found on the website www.cwmtalwgwoods.co.uk or the Facebook page Cwmtalwg Local Nature Reserve.

This summer the group has worked with a team from Keep Wales Tidy and Scope to resurface the paths in the nature reserve

SKILLS COURSE

VALE Council-led Barry Communities First, in partnership with Newydd Housing Association and the WEA, is looking for job-seekers to take part in a free construction skills certification course which will help gain a CSCS card, on August 17 – 19 from 9.30am – 3pm at th YMCA Hub, Court Road, Barry.

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MICROLIGHT FLYING, AND HOW I SURVIVED – JUST!

NOT too high in the sky, we've all heard an unusual sound from time to time and looking up we have seen a small aircraft – a flying 'trike' with unusual wings and a big fan on the back – that's a Microlight!

Penarth Aviation Society hosts a Microlight pilot at the monthly meeting this Friday, August 7, when Keith Baldwin will give an illustrated talk about flying a Pegasus Quantum 912.

Achievements for this Microlight aircraft are quite amazing: numerous world records have been set and design awards collected. These include World Champions, European Champions, British Champions, first around the world flying a flexwing microlight and the first solo to fly to South Africa.

The aircraft has also been chosen by well-known adventurer, Richard Meredith Hardy, for many of his expeditions, including flying over Mount Everest, and an unsupported solo flight to Australia by the decorated paraplegic pilot, Dave Sykes.

More recently, the British Antarctic Microlight Expedition chose the technically-advanced PulsR microlight for their forthcoming expedition to the South Pole.

The Quantum 912 was chosen by Brian Milton for the first successful global circumnavigation by a Microlight in 1998. It was also chosen by Richard Noble of Thrust SSC to support the successful attempt on the world land speed record in 1997 and by competition pilot Simon Baker for his successful bid for the world championship.

In a Quantum, the rate



of climb is 1,000' per minute; it is commonplace to travel distances of 500 plus miles (800 kms) per day.

The 600+ Quantums have been flight tested in some of the most extreme conditions around the world and have returned a perfect safety record.

Guest speaker, Keith Baldwin, was brought up in Penarth and following an early introduction as a cadet at 1148 Squadron (Penarth) Air Training Corps, he had dreams of a life in aviation.

He managed to 'burst the bubble' by joining the Guards Armoured Division of the Household Cavalry for six years and then the police service for 30

years. He began his Microlight career in 1994 (at the age of 49) and states, "...I do not profess to be an expert or even an intrepid flyer – just one who was lucky enough to have enjoyed some of the glorious moments that the 'sport' has to offer."

The aircraft Keith flew, with his wife, was a Pegasus Quantum 912, as he describes it, "...a good solid journeyman machine, very reliable and a delight to fly."

Every pilot has 'tales of the unexpected', of course, and Keith Baldwin has one or two – but he makes it clear that he is not an expert/ace, as he was, in his words, "...just a very mundane day tripper".

Some day tripper!

He stressed that navigation is a great skill and one which generally eluded him and quite often he found himself touching down at friendly airfields to 'ask the way' – and many times had to beat the clock to get home again before it got dark – usually making it by about 10 minutes!

Landing on the wrong runway can also be a bit embarrassing; he will reveal more of that in what promises to be a fascinating illustrated talk.

The PAS meeting is on Friday (August 7) at 8pm. Visitors are welcome at Penarth Conservative Club, but contact Mike Duxbury for seating availability on (01446) 711 482/mobile: 07829 124 353.

A donation of £2 per head is requested. The talk is followed by a 'business session' for society members only. For further information, visit the Penarth Aviation Society website and Facebook page.

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ABOVE: Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for regeneration; Richard Thomas, secretary and board member trustee; and Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

New direction for the Memo

MEMO Arts Centre, Barry will be installing new digital cinema facilities for live stream theatre productions and blockbuster cinema releases, after securing an Arts Council of Wales capital Lottery grant of £191,730 and Vale Council support of £47,000 from regeneration funding.

General manager, Kate Long said: "This is an exciting new venture for the Memo Arts

Centre. The venue has played an important part in the life of the town for over 80 years. Many local people have fond memories of attending events and performing at the Memo and this cinema development will create another fantastic opportunity for this to continue. We can again provide blockbuster and live stream cinema in Barry for the local and wider community."

Bouquets for posties Noreen and Vanessa!



ABOVE: Noreen Davies and Vanessa Damiani, with Coun Keith Hatton.

TWO well-known faces at the former post offices in Dinas Powys have been thanked for their service by Coun Keith Hatton, chair of Dinas Powys Community Council.

He said: "We all know that Post Office Counters closed the sub post offices and relocated into the Village Stores and to McColls."

"This means that a long line of Postmasters and Postmistresses has come to an end. They were in the heart of our community, providing valuable help and support and perhaps at times some interesting gossip."

"Noreen Davies of the Murch Post Office and Vanessa Damiani of Station Road Post Office were presented with bouquets as a token of our gratitude from the community that they served for so long."

'Incinerator bad for the economy' – says Plaid Cymru

THE planned incinerator for Barry will damage the town's ambition to regenerate the economy, says Plaid Cymru, following the decision of the Vale's planning committee.

Spokesperson Barry Shaw claimed: "The local community does not welcome this industrial process coming to town. There are fears about pollution and a potential risk to health."

"The image that we want to give out is that we are an attractive, up and coming destination. Plaid fears that this scheme will set back these efforts."

"It was especially disappointing that so few Barry councillors spoke up for the community. We had more support from Dinas Powys and Sully than from Barry councillors. This means

that there will be a 43m high smoke stack, 72,000 tonnes of wood chip trucked into Barry and then the waste has to be disposed of somewhere.

"The applicants (Sunrise Renewables Ltd) could not answer, or had no idea where the wood was coming from, and could not provide a route/traffic plan. All this within view of residential properties."

Coun Nic Hodges, Plaid member of the planning committee, commented: "I was shocked that an important document was quoted on the night regarding the need for an environmental impact assessment."

"It was shameful that the committee had no prior knowledge about the letter from Welsh Government and could not properly consider the details."

Stall-holders wanted for Christmas fayre

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be holding a Christmas craft fayre during the morning of Wednesday, December 16 at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

Anyone interested in having a stall at the fayre should contact the Mayor's secretary at Barry Town Council on 01446 704921; or e-mail juliehurst@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

The proceeds of the fayre will be in aid of the charities the Mayor has chosen to support during her term of office, which are Tj Hapus and MND (Motor Neurone Disease Association) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.



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GROUP'S COURT CHALLENGE OVER LIBRARY CLOSURE



ABOVE:
Rhoose Library campaigners are to argue their case in the High Court.

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One of the campaigners fighting to save Rhoose Library is Adam Riley, who lives in Station Terrace, East Aberthaw.

He said: "I know so many people of different ages who use the library and would be lost without it. It's been a part of my daughters' lives since they were very young."

"My partner's mother, who is in her 80s, is a regular user of the library. She borrows books for the enjoyment of herself and her husband, who is over 90 years old,

wheelchair-bound and unable to leave the house without assistance."

Michael Imperato said: "Even if a library is to be run by the community, as suggested in plans for Rhoose Library, it still needs to be properly supported by the council to make it viable."

"It cannot be cast adrift, to sink or swim on its own with little or no support."

"I'm delighted that we have been given the opportunity to take this matter forward."

Biomass fight continues...

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Max Wallis spoke on behalf of the Docks Incinerator Action Group at the meeting. He said he was still optimistic the plant would not go ahead and that strong representations would be made to regulator Natural Resources Wales.

"Though disappointed at the approval, the regulator's permitting process has not even started, where we will argue for rejection of the energy-wasteful design. Sunrise has planning permission for similar plants at Hull and Barrow-in-Furness, but have not yet proceeded with them."

"If we maintain strong local opposition, they're unlikely to proceed in Barry either."

(For more reaction, turn to 'Incinerator bad for economy' says Plaid on page 4.)

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LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS GET WARM WELCOME AT BRYN HAFREN



PHOTOGRAPHS by IAN DIXON

BRYN HAFREN SCHOOL hosted its annual transition day in July when pupils and staff from feeder primary schools enjoyed a day of sporting activities.

The PE sessions covered athletics, hockey, netball and gymnastics. The day was designed to help the prospective students feel comfortable in their new surroundings.



'Befriending' scheme is too valuable to end



Pictured are Colin Turner, transport chair; Suzanne Clifton, Vale Social Services; David Thomas treasurer, Coun Val Hartrey, chair John Fanshaw and Enfy's Griffith, Greenlinks coordinator.

THE 'Befriending' scheme run by Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern offers a friendly face to people who sometimes only need someone to listen to their concerns.

The grant funding may possibly run out next year. However Coun John Fanshaw, chair of the charity, reported that there was no intention to end this valuable scheme.

This was welcomed by the members attending the AGM of the charity. He said: "This project is so valuable we will ensure that it will continue. In addition to the staff members we are grateful to the many volunteer 'Befrienders'. We would naturally welcome more volunteers for this important work."

The guest speaker was Enfy's Griffith, transport coordinator of the

Vale Council, who explained that the Greenlinks community scheme was available for Dinas Powys residents. (Contact 0800 294 1113.)

The chairman announced, with regret, the retirement of Alan Higgins, who had loyally served DPVC for nearly 40 years. He was thanked for his outstanding service to the community.

The treasurer reported that preparations were in hand to fund a replacement mini-bus, which would be required in a few years' time. The current finances were healthy thanks to generous support from the community and the Vale Council.

The meeting elected as officers: chairman Coun John Fanshaw, vice chair Chris Franks, secretary Wendy Lees and treasurer David Thomas.

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UP THE GOLDEN STAIRS AND ON TO BREATHTAKING VIEWS...

ON a sunny evening, 12 Penarth and District ramblers plus dogs Jodie and Biddy, met leader Val near All Saints Church in Park Road, Barry and, setting off through her garden, made their way through streets in the west end of the town, before descending into Cwm Barri below Salisbury Road.

Descending through woodland into Porthkerry Park and following the road past the Nightingale Cottage, a pretty pathway through Knockmandown Wood led them towards the Porthkerry viaduct. Tramping along the

cycle path below the impressive 110-foot Porthkerry viaduct, constructed during the 1890s, colourful drifts of willowherb lit up the sides of the pathway and, passing through a gate near the Old Rectory, they headed across a field and up the old sunken lane to Porthkerry village.

Crossing the green in front of St Curig's Church and following the quiet lane to the airport road, they headed back towards the coast, turning eastwards through Porthkerry caravan park.

A gravelled path led them through the Bulwarks, which was a defended site thought to be occupied through the latter part of the early Iron Age before the Romans invaded south

Wales, with its glorious views up channel towards Weston-Super-Mare, Steep and Flat Holm.

Descending steeply through woodland, they re-emerged into Porthkerry Park.

A short but steep climb up the Golden Stairs led them to stunning views across the Bristol Channel to the Somerset coastline and across Cold Knap to Barry Island and the old Barry docklands, now the Waterfront.

Continuing past the ruins of the 13th century Barry castle, built as a fortified manor house and home to the de Barri family, they returned to their start.

On August 8, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile very hard climb to start,

then moderate walk jaunt, a four-mile moderate walk taking in Allt Lwyd, Waun Rydd and the Brecon Canal; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On August 9, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 9.5-mile moderate walk in north Gower; contact Clive on 02920 654156.

On August 13, meet at 7pm at the Woodland Trust car park on the Michaelston lane for the last summer evening

Sully U3A

THE Sully U3A will be holding its annual open meeting at The Old School, Sully at 2pm on August 13 when 30 groups will showcase their activities to other members and non-members.

U3A is open to retired or semi-retired people and is a self-help organisation where new skills can be learned and shared.

Scout jumble

THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout group will hold a jumble sale at 1.30pm on Saturday, August 15 at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

JOY STRANGWARD

Visitors get a taste of Welsh life



LAST week, Christian Bullen's performance academy, Superstars in the Making (SITM) welcomed 30 Chinese people to Barry to experience Welsh and British culture and explore the Vale.

Fifteen children, aged 6-16, with 15 adults including headteachers, business owners and university lecturers, studied and trained with SITM in Barry, along with local children who also attended the training.

They also visited families in Barry, who

kindly offered to cook them dinner and show them a typical family home.

SITM principal Christian said: "Our Chinese guests have loved working with the children in Barry and have had a great holiday exploring the beauty of the Vale. We aim to grow this project year on year to increase the tourism from China to the Vale, which is great news for local businesses."

Superstars in the Making was opened in Barry in 2009 as a professional part-time training centre for talented young people. It now operates internationally and still runs from the Barry HQ.



Hard of hearing group's insight into pavilion's image

MEMBERS of Barry Hear to Meet group, funded by Action on Hearing Loss, enjoyed a summer outing to Penarth Pier Pavilion earlier this month.

We looked at the art exhibition and the newly-refurbished building, then went up to the 617 Squadron Room on the top floor, which has a spectacular view across the Bristol Channel to Somerset.

Director of PACL (Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd) the charity which runs the pavilion, Dr David Trotman, gave an interesting talk on how the project was funded, what happens there, and the vision for the future providing activities and entertainment for the people of Penarth. Afterwards, members

enjoyed tea and home-made cake on the upper floor of the café and then had the chance to walk along the pier in the sunshine.

The group, aimed at those over 50 with significant hearing loss, meets on the first Friday

of the month between 2.15pm and 4pm in the Philip John Room on the first floor of Barry Library.

We often have speakers or discussions on topical subjects, followed by tea and the opportunity to chat. The room is fitted with a hearing loop and there is no charge. New members are always welcome to join us.

For more information, contact martin.griffiths@hearingloss.org.uk.

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'PARKING CHARGES WILL DRIVE SHOPPERS AWAY'

I AM writing to apologise to the traders in Holton Road, Barry, as I do not intend to pay any car parking charges to shop in Holton Road and, therefore, am not likely to do as much shopping in the town.

I believe that the council should look at different ways of trying to raise revenue, as I feel adding extra costs to customers' shopping will drive people away.

One suggestion would be to cut councillors' salaries and do away with

their expenses altogether. We have no evidence of the number of hours that councillors work, and it is so easy to say that they are working from home. They should have a 'clock in' arrangement, as do the Vale Office staff, and be more accountable to the Vale residents.

I would also address Coun Gwyn John's comment that 'due to central Government cuts, the Vale Council must meet a funding shortfall' – but would point out that everyone knows that funding is allocated by the Welsh Assembly Government to the councils in Wales.

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agreements often involving a similar timescale.

When it comes to design, there are plenty of options to consider. Once you've spoken to a conservatory or orangery specialist, allow time to consider the layout and how you will use your new room as well as those all-important design features, before formal plans are drawn up and submitted.

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In gardening terms, to ensure that you are sitting back in your new room when there's blossom on the trees, it makes good sense to set the process in motion before snowdrops send up their early green shoots.



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Barry Air Cadets have an 'adventure' in St Donats!

AIR Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron, travelled to St Donats in the rural Vale for a day of exciting and challenging adventurous training.

This training walk was designed to prepare the cadets for their forthcoming Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; with training in navigation, team building, first aid and understanding the country code; whilst following the heritage coast, and enjoying the cliffs, foreshore, nature reserves and ancient churches.

The walk itself was of moderate difficulty, 10 kilometers in distance, which included local tracks and paths through Monknash, Marcross, St Donats and Llantwit Major.

Valeways guided walks

MONDAY, August 10 'Cottage in the Woods': meet at Porthkerry Country Park, at 11am in cafe car park.

Tuesday, August 11 Coffee Shop Strollers meet at 2.30pm outside Llantwit Major town hall; on Wednesday at 10am at the Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap in Barry CF62 6SW.

Also on Wednesday, a relaxing evening walk meeting at 6.30pm at Cosmeston Country Park outside the visitor centre.

On Thursday, August 13 a walk to the beach; meet at Llantwit Major railway station car park at 10.30am.

The cadets saw at first hand the remains of the monastic grange in Llantwit Major, St Donat's Castle and Atlantic College, Nash Point light house, Holy Trinity Church Marcross and St Donat's Church.

Adventurous training forms a very important part of the cadets' training. This covers teambuilding, leadership, mountain craft, camp craft, safety training and navigation before going on the hills.

Squadron training complements and encourages cadets to explore and appreciate the "great outdoors"; improve confidence and fitness, learn new skills and, ultimately, provide enjoyment mixed with excitement.

The cadets who took part were: Rhys Lewis, Kieren Bushell, Tom Browning, Dominic Bushell, James Jelinski and Rhys Horton.

As well as adventure training, cadets also enjoy: flying, gliding, shooting, sports, overseas trips, leadership and citizenship training in a full and action-packed training programme.

If you too have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13-18 years old. The Squadron parades on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7pm-9.30pm near the Memorial Hall. Phone the Squadron on 01446 747734, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org

Elderly forum's grateful thanks to founding father



ABOVE: Back row, left to right: former chair Mike Edwards, new chair Anne Marie Little, Gill Davies, David Briggs. Front row, left to right: vice-chair Don Read, secretary Ellie Lewis, Vanessa Mordin, Kay Burns, and Elaine Hardy.

THE Vale 50+ Strategy Forum gives a huge thank you to Mike Edwards, a founding forum member who recently retired.

A spokesperson reports: Mike contributed to many consultations and working parties for over 10 years. His input included being the executive group chairman and the chairman of the transport task group.

As the executive lead, Mike was a member of a group of Welsh older people's representatives invited to meet with Northern Ireland ministers and senior civil servants to discuss the advantages

of the Welsh Government's older people's strategy.

This work supported the decision for Northern Ireland to develop their own strategy and to appoint a commissioner.

As the chairman of the forum transport group Mike supported the development of the free bus pass and the Vale Greenlinks community transport.

We will all miss Mike, and his hard work has not been in vain as the group continues to thrive; 13 members gathered together for a celebratory lunch to wish him well, including the new chair, vice chair and secretary.

The transport task group set up

and met for the first time back in January 2007. We now meet every two months and the aims are for us to work with and establish links with transport providers and to influence Welsh Government policy on transport issues.

We are a friendly group and, as you can see by the happy faces in the photograph, we do have fun!

More information on the work of the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum can be found on our website valeopf.webplus.net or by phoning the VOGC Older People's Coordinator John Porter on 01446 709779; or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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FUNDING PRIORITIES THAT UNDERLINE THE COMMITMENT TO YOUNG PEOPLE

IT is good to see children enjoying our parks and beaches along the Heritage Coast this summer; come rain or shine, the best playground in the world is often the beach – so the new attractions on Barry Island are particularly welcome.

Children are enjoying the new climbing wall along the promenade, as well as the chance to swim and paddle with parents, grandparents and friends, watched by lifeguards who play such an important role

during the summer months in protecting our children so well.

On August 5, we celebrated National Play Day and fittingly, across the Vale, we see the fruits of Welsh Government funding in the provision of 21st century play areas. It is also good to see new provision for Flying Start in communities like Colcot, as part of the expansion of Flying Start in Wales.

The Welsh Government has already exceeded its 2016 target for Flying Start with over 37,000 children in Wales benefiting from the programme of free childcare and parenting support.

I have been meeting

frontline staff over the past few weeks to ask them what they think should be our priorities, given the further cuts by the UK Government to our Budget – which has already shrunk by £1.3bn over the past five years.

Investing in our youngest children as a positive and 'preventative' measure is often highlighted.

We would like to expand this investment further – but if we do, something else would have to go. This is the challenge for the Budget next year, as we wait for the Spending Review budget figures in November.

The 2014-15 progress report for the Welsh

Labour Government's 'Building a Brighter Future' plan, highlights achievements that have been made over the past 12 months.

As well as the expansion of Flying Start, we increased funding to under-5s from low income families through the expansion of the Pupil Deprivation grant – as a result of our Budget Agreement with the Welsh Liberal Democrats. Headteachers and school governors will know what a difference this funding will make to the life chances of our youngest pupils.

We have also taken the decision to legislate to ban smoking in cars

carrying children, and announced an additional £7.6m for children and young people's mental health services.

I was very pleased to meet the Vale Youth Forum recently and thank them for contributing to the consultation which has led to the announcement of a new curriculum for Wales, 'Successful Futures' by the Education Minister, Huw Lewis.

The Vale Youth Forum also took an active part in the consultation about the age at which young people should be able to start voting.

They joined the event in the Senedd involving hundreds of young

people from across Wales, with strong views on the subject.

Meeting the Vale Youth Forum at the Vale Show is an important engagement for me, and so too, is meeting Young Farmers clubs, as I did recently at Slade Farm.

Many people are aware of the pioneering Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, which enables us to legislate to ensure the social, economic,

environmental and cultural well-being of our future generations should be at the heart of our policy making and budget decisions.

These are our priorities as a Welsh Government. Our investment in children, their early years and education is a test of our commitment to this generation of young people growing up in Wales as well as to future generations.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by
Jane Hutt
AM (Minister for Finance)

The Nordic Walking way to keeping fit!

A new Nordic Walking group has been set up in Barry – in collaboration with Age Cymru Nordic Walking Initiative and supported by the Welsh Government.

Instructor Geoff Hollett worked with Rob Wardle, secretary of Dow Corning Retirees Association, to set up the group which meets at 10am on Monday at Cosmeston Country Park.

Geoff Hollett said: "Age Cymru works with the British Nordic Walking Association which, ironically, is based at

the Vale Business Park, Llandow. They have developed a programme specifically for those over 50, which provides a free taster course and then a 10-step course over five weeks, which costs £10. People can then join the walking group every Monday.

"The next course will start on August 26 at Porthkerry Park at 11am. There is no need for any equipment, other than sturdy walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather."

Nordic Walking was developed in Finland by cross country skiers as an 'off season' ski training activity, to enhance the benefits of walking to keep fit.

Contact Geoff Hollett on 01446 730613 or geoffhollett@hotmail.com or Glenn Little at Age Cymru on 02920 431555 or glenn.little@agecymru.org.uk.

VALE JAZZ FEST

THE first meeting of the Vale Jazz Fest 2016 organisers today (Thursday, August 6) at 7pm in Barry Civic Offices, Holton Road, will discuss plans for next year's event and election of officers.

All are welcome to attend. Call Richard Bertin on 01446 736227.

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Lifeboat rescue drama as vessel runs aground

AT 11.30am on Friday, July 31 both Porthcawl RNLI lifeboats *Rose of the Shires* and *Jean Ryall* raced to the rescue of a crew of a 30-foot motor cruiser *Alcedo Athis*, that had run aground on the dangerous Tusker Rock, two miles off Newton Point, Porthcawl.

When they arrived at the lifeboat station, they could see the vessel leaning to one side in very shallow water on the edge of Tusker Rock. The crew on board the motor cruiser were in a very dangerous situation, as if the boat leaned over too far there was a possibility that they could be trapped in the boat.

The two volunteer crews from Porthcawl RNLI launched immediately, and made their way to the stricken vessel.

Once they were alongside, RNLI volunteer helmsman Ross Purchase put one of his crew on board to assist the two owners of the boat onto the lifeboat. They were then taken to the safety of the lifeboat station at Porthcawl, where they were able to rest until their boat could be refloated.

Helmsman Ross Purchase said: "It was our priority to get the two owners of the motor cruiser off their boat and into safety. Once they were taken ashore, I got to work securing the boat in its position ready for when the tide turned and we could refloat it."

Once the tide did turn, Porthcawl RNLI D Class *Jean Ryall* re-launched along with the Mumbles lifeboat, and together put

a tow on the motor cruiser and towed it off Tusker Rock and on to Swansea.

Joe Simpson, deputy launching authority from Porthcawl RNLI, said: "We don't have many boats run aground on Tusker Rock. The ones that have done over the last 50 years have usually resulted in serious injury to the crew, and the boats usually break up on the rocks."

"Thanks to the good weather we had today, the volunteer RNLI crews from Porthcawl and Mumbles were able to save both the crew and the boat itself."

Bill and Hazel, the crew of the *Alcedo Athis* said: "We were on our way from Cardiff to Swansea when we ran aground on Tusker Rock. We are very thankful for the speed the RNLI crews got to us, and the effective way they came to our aid and saved us and our boat. The work these volunteers do is fantastic and we thank them greatly."

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ABOVE and BELOW: The stranded boat.



New ambulance chief ready for the challenge

THE Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust has announced Tracy Myhill as its new Chief Executive.

Mrs Myhill, who has been the Interim CEO since October 2014, is a former deputy chief executive and director of workforce and organisational development at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, with more than 30 years' experience in the Welsh NHS.

She said she was delighted to have the opportunity to lead the organisation at such a critical time in its development: "It's an absolute privilege to lead



Tracy Myhill.

this organisation. In the 10 months since I joined as Interim Chief Executive, I have taken time to meet as many staff as possible and understand the job they do.

"I have been humbled

by the clinical skill and compassion of our staff and blown away by their work in caring for some of our most vulnerable and sick people.

"Of course, we have our challenges and I am absolutely committed to working with our staff, stakeholders and the people of Wales to provide a clinically-led ambulance service that bears scrutiny with the best in the world, and one of which the people of Wales can be proud."

Chair of the Trust, Mick Giannasi, welcomed Mrs Myhill's appointment as a significant step forward in providing stable and strategic leadership for the organisation.

Tories hit at high spending on health agency staff

"CASH-strapped Cardiff and the Vale Health Board is wasting millions of pounds each year on agency fees – money that could be going straight to frontline services," Welsh Tory Leader Andrew RT Davies has claimed.

The regional AM said that figures reveal a combined spend of over £190m in the last four years by Welsh health boards on agency staff (including nurses and doctors). Cardiff and the Vale Health Board spent over £18m and Welsh Conservatives have written to the Auditor General urging him to investigate the figures.

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RIGHT ROYAL OCCASION FOR THE BARRY SOROPTIMISTS!



Joining forces to press for play area

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, met Illyd councillor Rhona Probert, to view the play area off Barry's Salisbury Road and agreed to explore opportunities to secure much-needed funds to improve and upgrade an important facility for local youngsters.



The photo shows the 'royal couple' with club members and corgis.

SUE RICHARDS, a member of Soroptimist International, Barry and District, and husband Tony, recently hosted a fundraising 'Right Royal Garden Party' at Earl Road, Penarth.

Over 50 members and friends attended and, keeping to the 'royal' theme, the 'Queen' (club member Iris Hopkins from Dinas Powys) escorted by 'Prince Philip' (Colin Drury also from Dinas Powys), presented awards to club members for outstanding achievement.

These included an award to president Clare Hart (Dame Hart of Barry) for being a sassy solicitor and tipping the scales of justice in a presidential manner for the third time.

Maywin Thomas, received the mother hen midwife award for delivering thousands of knitted chicks to Velindre Hospital.

Jackie Memory and Pat Salt received the Batman and Robin award for services to super powered programme in action, and Christine Drury, the town crier award for non-stop services to Soroptimist publicity.

Approximately £550 was raised and this will be donated to charities supported by the club. Although a 'service' organisation, often the best way in which help can be given is with a donation.

Each year, members think up ingenious ways of raising thousands of pounds, which are distributed to local, national and international charities.

To find out more about the club visit www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district

SUMMER SAILINGS. PENARTH.



CLEVEDON, PORTISHEAD & SCENIC CRUISE UNDER THE SEVERN BRIDGES Friday 7 August. Depart 9.45am – Return 3.30pm. Thursday 27 August. Depart 2.30pm – Return 8.30pm. Sail to Clevedon with time ashore to explore this Victorian seaside town or enjoy the full cruise to Portishead and up the River Severn. Gaze in awe as you sail beneath the mighty Severn Bridges - & don't forget your camera! **Fares to Clevedon £15. Seniors £13. Child £7.50. Family Ticket £40.** **Fares to Portishead £21. Seniors £19. Child £10.50. Family Ticket £57.** Full Cruise £26. Seniors £24. Child £13. Family Ticket £72.

SAIL TO CLEVEDON – RIVER AVON & CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE Saturday 8 August. Depart 9.45am – Return 4pm. Sail across the Channel & visit Clevedon or stay aboard for the scenic cruise up the River Avon passing under the mighty Clifton Suspension Bridge – packed with history & interest. **Fares to Clevedon £15. Child £7.50. Family Ticket £40.** Full Cruise £26. Child £13. Family Ticket £72.

SAIL TO CLEVEDON – 3 BRIDGES & 5 RIVERS CRUISE Sunday 9 August. Depart 11.15am – Return 6.30pm. Sunday 23 August. Depart 9am – Return 4pm. Join us for a day of discovery as you cruise the rivers Avon, Severn & Wyre and sail under five breathtaking bridges! Be sure to bring your camera! **Fares to Clevedon £15. Child £7.50. Family Ticket £40.** Full Cruise £28. Child £14. Family Ticket £75.

CRUISE WELSH HERITAGE COAST TO PORTHCAWL & NASH POINT SENIOR CITIZENS - BRING A FRIEND FREE DAY! One free senior ticket for each one purchased. Monday 10 August. Depart 12.30pm – Return 7.15pm. Enjoy a spectacular cruise viewing the Welsh Heritage Coast to Porthcawl with time ashore or stay aboard and stay aboard for the scenic cruise to Nash Point. **Fares to Porthcawl £25 Seniors £23 Child £12.50 Family Ticket £69.** Full Cruise £27. Child £13.50. Family Ticket £72.

GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE & CLOVELLY CRUISE Tuesday 11 August. Depart 8.45am – Return 7.45pm. Enjoy a grand day cruise down the Channel viewing the coastal scenery to the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe with four hours ashore to explore - great fun for the whole family! Stay aboard for the scenic cruise to view the quaint hamlet of Clovelly from the sea. **Fares to Ilfracombe £33. Seniors £31. Child £16.50. Family Ticket £89.** Full Cruise £36. Seniors £34. Child £18. Family Ticket £97.

CLEVEDON, WESTON, & SCENIC HOLM ISLANDS CRUISE Friday 14 August. Depart 9.30am – Return 8.30pm* *Return 4.30pm from Holm Island Cruise. Sunday 30 August. Depart 11am – Return 6.15pm. Sail to Clevedon for the day with plenty of time to explore - choose from these great options; take a special coach to Weston and enjoy the day exploring this vibrant seaside town - great for kids! Balmoral arrives in the evening to take you back to Penarth - or enjoy time ashore at Clevedon & join Balmoral for a delightful cruise round the Holm Islands. **Fares to Clevedon £15. Senior £13** Child £7.50. Family Ticket £40.** **Fares to Weston £23. Child £11.50. Family Ticket £65.** Full Cruise £23. Seniors £19** Child £11.50. Family Ticket £65.

EVENING CRUISE TO VIEW BIRNBECK PIER & WESTON COAST Friday 14 August. Depart 4.30pm – Return 8.30pm. Enjoy this unique opportunity to view Birnbeck Pier & Island - once home to the famous White Funnel Fleet and now one of Britain's most threatened structures & enjoy cruising down the coast to Weston. **£19 Seniors £17 Child £9.50 Family Ticket £52.**

SAIL AWAY TO GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE! Saturday 15 August. Depart 10am – Return 7.30pm. Need somewhere to take the family for a day of fresh air and fun? Come and join us aboard Balmoral and enjoy a scenic cruise to the delightful seaside town of Ilfracombe with plenty to enjoy for parents and children with 4 hours ashore to explore! **£33 Seniors £31 Child £16.50 Family Ticket £89.**

ONE DAY ONLY – ILFRACOMBE & SPECIAL CRUISE TO TAKE PART IN LUNDY CHURCH SERVICE Sunday 16 August. Depart 9.30am – Return 9pm. Be a part of this very special day! Enjoy the scenic coastal cruise to Ilfracombe with six hours to explore ashore - or stay aboard for our unique cruise to mystical Lundy Island where you will step into the magical world of this remote location to take part in the annual church service. Don't miss this unique occasion - and bring your camera! **Fares to Ilfracombe £33 Child £16.50 Family Ticket £89.** Lundy Island £48 Child £24 Family Ticket £130.

GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE & SCENIC EXMOOR COAST CRUISE TO FORELAND LIGHTHOUSE Monday 17 August. Depart 10am – Return 7.45pm. Enjoy a day sailing down the Somerset coast to visit Ilfracombe - a great day out for the whole family with over four hours ashore to explore! Or stay aboard for the delightful scenic cruise along the Exmoor coast to view Foreland Lighthouse. **Fares to Ilfracombe £33 Seniors £31 Child £16.50 Family Ticket £89.** Full Cruise £36 Seniors £34 Child £18 Family Ticket £97

MORNING CHANNEL CRUISE Monday 24 August. Depart 10.45 – Return 1.15pm. Friday 18 September. Depart 10.15 – Return 1pm. Enjoy a morning cruise across the Bristol Channel to Clevedon taking in the scenery (non landing) - & why not enjoy breakfast aboard? **£15 Seniors £13 Child £7.50 Family Ticket £40.**

EXMOOR COAST CRUISE TO GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE & BIDEFORD BAY Saturday 29 August. Depart 10am – Return 8pm. Enjoy a delightful scenic cruise along the Exmoor coast to the Victorian seaside resort of Ilfracombe with over 4 hours ashore to explore this fascinating resort or stay aboard for the full cruise to scenic Bideford Bay. **Fares to Ilfracombe Adults £33. Child £16.50. Family Ticket £89.** Full Cruise £36. Child £18. Family Ticket £97.

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Colin (and his sis Suzanne) keep patients enthralled at Marie Curie's hospice



Colin Jackson meets day therapy unit patients at the hospice.

Melanie's day out at Dyffryn

VALE Garden Care recently ran a competition to win two tickets to Dyffryn Gardens.

A spokesman for the company said: "The Vale Garden Care team would like to congratulate Melanie Webb, owner of Karma Beauty in Cowbridge, who was the lucky winner of the tickets to visit Dyffryn Gardens this summer."

"We all hope Melanie – and her friend – enjoy their day out!"



Melanie Webb won the recent Vale Garden Care competition.



ABOVE: Suzanne Packer and Colin Jackson pictured outside the Marie Curie Cardiff & the Vale hospice in Penarth.

FORMER athletics star Colin Jackson and his sister, Suzanne Packer, visited the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth on Friday, July 31 to meet day therapy unit patients.

Acclaimed Welsh hurdler Colin and Casualty actress Suzanne, who both attended Llanedeyrn High School, related tales from their childhood growing up in the Cardiff area.

Colin shared stories about his training as a young athlete and TV work with sport stars, including Usain Bolt, while Suzanne told the audience about treading the boards in school plays at Llanedeyrn High School and playing the character of Tess Bateman alongside Casualty stalwart, Derek Thompson, who plays Charlie Fairhead.

The group was also fascinated to hear Colin tell of his involvement in the BBC One genealogy show *Who Do You Think You Are?*, which traced his ancestral roots back to Jamaica and Panama.

Charity reopens holiday hotel – with a full house!

THE Glamorgan Holiday Hotel, an icon on Porthcawl seafront, has reopened – six months after its future seemed uncertain.

Now run by Welsh charity, Cartrefi Cymru, it had been providing short term holiday breaks for older people and those with disabilities for over 40 years, but closed earlier this year.

Cartrefi Cymru, a not-for-profit organisation, took full ownership and following a refurbishment it reopened on Saturday (August 1).

Chris Lewis, the new manager, has overseen the refurbishment and was on hand to welcome the first guests through the door.

"I am proud of the changes we've made and excited to be welcoming people to this unique hotel. The team have been fantastic getting it ready and I'm confident the hotel will continue to provide wonderful holidays for older people and people with disabilities," he said.

Keith Oxley, of Morpeth, commented: "The Glamorgan Holiday Hotel has been our holiday destination of choice for a number of years. To say we are

delighted by the re-opening, is an understatement. Although we live an eight-hour journey away in Northumberland, it is well worth the journey.

"The location of the hotel enables us to visit friends and relatives in the area. The food has always been excellent, as well as the evening entertainments. Its location on the sea front offers lovely views of the beautiful south Wales coast."

Adrian Roper, Cartrefi's chief executive, said: "We're proud of The Glamorgan Holiday Hotel and I know Chris and his team will deliver a wonderful experience for our guests and take the hotel's reputation to new levels. "I'm also pleased that the hotel, which includes a fully-equipped conference suite, will bring an additional boost to Porthcawl's economy."



Guests Glynys Sage...



...and Jean Thomas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

THE former St Lawrence Church at Ford Road, Lavernock, will host a service in memory of its patron saint this Sunday, August 9 at 3pm.

The theme will be the legacy of St Lawrence, spelled out in hymns, a short address and prayers and the organist will be Miss Anne Thomas.

Contact Margaret Stark on 029 2070 1303 for further information.

Mental health forum

VALE residents can find out more about mental health services at the next meeting of the Vale Co-Creating Healthy Change Forum on August 20 in Committee Room 2, Vale Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU from 1.30pm – 4pm.

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Campaigner fears car park charges could damage local shopping areas

A Vale campaigner has said it is essential that local shopping areas retain free parking areas to compete with the big supermarket chains.

Paul Haley was responding to the announcement that charges are to be introduced in local car parks.

Mr Haley, chairman of Pride in Barry, who successfully campaigned to bring regeneration funds to the town, said he believed a consultation should have taken place before the introduction of charges.

Last week, the Vale Council announced charges would apply to certain car parks in the area – including three Barry car parks (150 spaces) and two car parks in Cowbridge (just under 200 spaces). Charges will start at £1 for two hours. Three hours will cost £1.60, and up to four hours will cost £2.20.

But Mr Haley argued free parking evened up the competition between shopping areas and supermarket chains.

"In my years with Barry Chamber of Trade in the 90s and Pride In Barry for over a decade, I have always made a case that in order to compete with the likes of Morrisons, Tesco's and now Asda, which all offer free car parking, Holton Road, High Street and Broad Street must have free parking.

"In my recollection, this view has been stated to the Vale Council since around 1999.

"It is a shame that the Barry Development Group was disbanded, which was where these proposals would have been aired to the chamber and traders so that early views would have been raised and, in this case, restated."

The Vale Council believes the pricing structure won't discourage people who use shopping areas, and that this will stop people parking all day for nothing – effectively freeing up spaces.

'FRAGILE'

Mr Haley emphasised that local shopping areas needed to be nurtured.

"Shopping at Holton Road is in a fragile state and it needs care that changes to free car parks at Thompson Street and Holton Rd, that were actually created by the Welsh Development Agency in the early part of Barry regeneration, don't exacerbate the demise of local shops which serve nearby homeowners in Castleland."

Mr Haley said the announcement of charges raised a number of questions.

"The Capita report behind this charging plan is dated 2013, so I wonder why it is only seeing the light of day now.

"Furthermore, it is over 200 pages long so I would ask what the terms of reference are, how much it cost to produce, and why doesn't it list any consultees? Were there any? Were traders consulted? Certainly

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none in Barry and Cowbridge have been consulted, which are strangely the only areas affected.

"The report contains many council papers over the years about charging, but doesn't show the objections that kicked each one into the long grass.

"Interestingly, the council intends to establish a full-time post as car park charges manager from the revenue generated.

"Each pay and display unit could cost in excess of £7,000 to site – and then £500 per year maintenance. There is no mention of potential fraud which should be assessed, as cash machines and cash collection are a vulnerable target."

Mr Haley said there were real fears it could hit local businesses in the Vale.

"It is very divisive and unusual in not introducing a Vale-wide policy and to only pick on Barry and

Cowbridge without consultation. At a meeting with Cowbridge Chamber of Trade this week, I heard their views on specific parking related issues, the reducing footfall of shoppers, high rents, and potential losses of independent shops.

"Cowbridge hasn't been consulted either, and the traders have concerns that the pricing structure will not work to alleviate the shortage of parking spaces and the desire to make customers the priority.

"I am deeply opposed to this, as our local shops in Barry and Cowbridge need support and for our local authority to be encouraging trade and footfall, and not drive customers to large multiples with free car parks, or out of town altogether."

Mr Haley said he wondered whether charging would be extended to on-street parking in the future, and encouraged local people to contact councillors, or the council leader, if they were opposed to charges in local shopping areas.

Keeping fit at College Fields



ABOVE: The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Fred Johnson, Matron Rachel Kemp, and Avril from FitM8, with staff and residents at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry.

RECENTLY, the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Fred Johnson, paid a visit to College Fields Nursing Home in Barry.

The Mayor was delighted to present certificates to both staff and residents after their successful completion of fitness programmes designed and implemented by Barry business FitM8.

He said: "I am very pleased to present this Investors in Care award to Matron Rachel Kemp and her team. This is just one more reason why

College Fields is much more than a nursing home.

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"It is a home filled with love and laughter, outings, special days and special times, all of which make residents, staff and their families feel secure, confident and much loved.

"I was delighted to meet Carl Michael and Avril from FITM8. They have provided an outstanding service."

MP's cycle ride for Prostate Cymru

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, joined hundreds of cyclists in London on Sunday for the 100-mile ride to raise funds for Prostate Cymru and completed it in 8 hours 40 minutes.

He reported: "It was a gruelling challenge. I have done some long-distance cycle rides before, for example from London to Paris, but this was very tough. I had so much support locally during the London Marathon, and I am really grateful for the support I received.

"However, this was the first big trip I've done on two wheels this year – I have certainly felt it in my legs this week. It was for a really good cause in Prostate Cymru, so I was determined to get over the finishing line."

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1. The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act (1984) (as amended) and of all other enabling powers intends install a pedestrian (zebra) crossing for the reasons described in Schedule 1 and at the location described in Schedule 2 below.
2. Full details of the proposal and a copy of the plan (T/15/76/MS) may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours.

SCHEDULE 1

An assessment of pedestrian and traffic movements has identified the need to implement a pedestrian (zebra) crossing that will improve highway safety, especially for older people and children.

SCHEDULE 2

The centre of the pedestrian (zebra) crossing will be approximately 11 metres northwest of the centre of its junction with Holton Road.

Dated this 6th day of August 2015

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council
The Alps, Wenvoe CF5 6AA



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 (CROESFAN CERDDWYR (SEBRA) ARFAETHEDIG) (BUTTRILLS ROAD, Y BARRI)

1. Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 23 Deddf Rheoli Traffig y Ffyrdd (1984) (ddiwygiedig) a phob pŵer galluogi arall, yn bwriadu darparu croesfan cerddwyr (sebra) am y rhesymau a eglurwyd yn Atodlen 1 yn y man a ddisgrifiwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.
2. Cewch weld y cynnig llawn a chopi o'r cynllun (T/15/76/MS) yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

ATOLDEN 1

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ATOLDEN 2

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Dyddiedig 6 Awst 2015

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'Climb4MND' to scale five peaks for charity



ON August 21, a team of 53 novice mountain walkers begins a massive Motor Neurone Disease challenge, by climbing the five highest peaks in UK and Eire in just three days!

They will take on Carruntuohill (Rep Ire), Slieve Donard (N Ire), Ben Nevis (Scotland), Scafell Pike (England) and Snowdon (Wales) all to raise much-needed awareness and funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

'Climb4MND' has 53 participants, including the Vale and Bridgend as well as a small group of people representing MND Scotland. All participants are incurring personal expense and have spent a lot of time training to prepare for the challenge and are

looking forward to setting off up their first mountain.

It will be a huge test of endurance, grit and determination. The mountain-conquering heroes are planning to do a quick up and down south Wales' highest peak Pen y Fan, a mere 886 metres! (Everyone is invited to join them at their homecoming - August 24.)

The team's fundraising will help support the South Wales Care Network joint project between the MND Association and NHS Wales, providing care and advice to people living with MND in south Wales. To date, they have already raised over £10,500.

Anyone wanting to support Climb4MND should visit their JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/climb4MND/

Lifeboat answers two 999 calls

THE volunteer crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat rushed into action twice last weekend when a 999 caller said that a small boat was in trouble in the Cold Knap area, possibly with a person in the water on Friday.

The crew found a speedboat in the area that fitted the description, and confirmed that the occupants were safe and well. They checked the rest of the area before returning to the station at 7.15pm.

The second call came on Sunday morning when the Coastguard

reported a 42 foot yacht with steering problems off Nash Point, on the outer edge of the area covered by the lifeboat.

"The crew took the stricken yacht under tow, bringing it to the safety of Barry harbour. The lifeboat was refuelled and made ready for its next service by 3.55pm," a spokesman said.

This weekend (August 8-9), RNLI volunteers will be fundraising and raising awareness on the promenade at Whitmore Bay. New volunteers are welcome to join the lifesaving teams. Please contact Julie Sanby at Julie_Sanby@rnli.org.uk or on 07795306994 for more details on the different volunteer roles available.



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Hospital corridor of art..!

EUROPE'S longest hospital corridor is now home to over 80 pieces of artwork for the re-launch of the Paintings in Hospitals South Wales hub.

The new display at University Hospital Llandough (UHL) boasts some never-before-seen works from the Paintings in Hospitals art collection, gifted to the charity from the Contemporary Art Society Wales, as well as new interpretative text panels.

Primarily intended to enhance the patient, visitor and staff experience, the display showcases Paintings in Hospitals artwork loan schemes: 'Art for Everyone', 'Art for

Children and Young People' and 'Art for Older People'.

The hub site at UHL acts as Paintings in Hospitals regional centre for south Wales, allowing the charity to better reach people in the area and enabling local communities to feel the benefits of having artworks on display in their care environments. The display at UHL showcases artworks from the Paintings in Hospitals collection that are available to be borrowed by all other health and social care organisations throughout the region.

Amisha Karia, head of collections and programming, said: "Art makes a significant contribution to improving the lives, health and wellbeing of



Artwork being hung at the University Hospital, Llandough.

patients, service users, carers, visitors and staff. I am delighted that we are able to showcase so many of our artworks at Llandough Hospital.

"I am sure that patients, staff and visitors will find the dynamism of the changing display of great interest, providing inspiration and solace. The display also explores ideas around how art can enhance health and wellbeing. Having artwork displayed at Llandough Hospital helps to create a more comfortable and less intimidating atmosphere for all."

Peter Welsh, general manager at University Hospital Llandough,

said: "The Health Board is absolutely delighted to have the Painting in Hospitals South Wales hub based at the University Hospital Llandough. The artworks have already been well received and I'm confident they will be of real interest to the patients, visitors and the wider public who use the site".

To borrow artworks from the Paintings in Hospitals collection, contact Painting in Hospitals on 0207 407 3222 or mail@paintingsinhospitals.org.uk.

CARDIFF AIRPORT PASSES THE ENVIRONMENTAL TEST!

AN extensive audit of Cardiff Airport's environmental management system has led to the achievement of phase two of the BS 8555:2003 Seren Standard accreditation.

This recognises the airport's commitment towards legal compliance, environmental performance and continued improvement.

The standard was awarded following a full two-day inspection, which included an in-depth audit of environmental processes and a detailed inspection of the entire Cardiff Airport site, including the terminal, car parks and airfield. Debra Barber, the

managing director at Cardiff Airport, commented: "We have recently completely overhauled our entire environmental management system, putting in new objectives and robust operational procedures.

"The audit was very much an opportunity for us to test this new system and to be

recognised for our commitment to environmental sustainability.

"Participation in the Seren Scheme will enable us to control our environmental impact, fulfil our responsibilities to the maximum extent and, most importantly, continue to improve.

"We have also recently been named a

'zero waste to landfill' zone, which is a further testament to this. I am immensely proud of the team for this great achievement.

"Cardiff Airport will continue to work towards the completion of all six phases of the accreditation, in addition to the 'Green Ticks' scheme."

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Camera Club at Art Central

BARRY Camera Club is to hold the official opening of its annual exhibition at Art Central in Barry Public Library from 6.30pm to 8pm this Friday (August 7).

The exhibition will run from August 8 - September 5 with Art Central open during the hours of

10am to 4pm Monday to Saturday.

On show will be a wide selection of prints made by members presented both in colour and black and white.

The exhibition will include many prize winning images and presents a showpiece of the Club's work throughout the year.

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Meet the bobbies

CADOC - Meet your local officer at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry today (August 6) between 10am and 2pm.

DYFAN PACT Buttrills Community Centre, North Walk, Barry on August 16 at 7.30pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR - Cuppa with a Copper, Llantwit Major police station on August 16 between 11am and 12 noon.

WENVOE - Coffee morning at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe, on August 17 between 10am and 12 noon.

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YMCA'S WORLD WAR ONE WORK HIGHLIGHTED IN EXHIBITION

A NEW Great War Exhibition in Barry Library, August 3-16 highlights the wartime contribution of the YMCA.

When people of a certain age think of the YMCA, they probably think of the popular 1970s song by the Village People.

What does not come to mind is the work that the YMCA did to improve the morale and conditions for those fighting in the trenches of the Great War.

Mandy Caddy of Cardiff YMCA, explained: "Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the YMCA exhibition highlights the work of the YMCA during the Great War, when the charity began a programme of support for men and women heading towards the battlefields.

"Thousands of huts were built to provide

accommodation and recreation facilities, both at locations en route to 'the front', and just behind the frontline itself. Being this close to the frontline, the YMCA huts themselves were no safe haven, and many were destroyed by enemy artillery.

"Along with providing these comforts, the YMCA also provided the men serving overseas with photographs of their families back home.

"Today, we take for granted how easy it is to take a 'selfie' and share it with our friends, but 100 years ago most people did not have photographs of their families, and that is why the YMCA began the 'snapshots from home' programme, which provided family photographs to over 650,000 servicemen overseas.

"In 1914-16, the YMCA published a fundraising book, *Told in the huts*, which

was made up of stories, poems and illustrations contributed by soldiers and war workers. To commemorate its centenary, we have reprinted this amazing book and it is now available from Amazon.

"We are very proud to unveil the centrepiece of the display which is a large-scale model created by local model maker and enthusiast Ade Pitman. The model is a copy of an actual frontline YMCA in France.

"With the centenary of the Battle of the Somme next year, we expect the new *Told in the huts* exhibition to be a popular attraction at suitable venues around Wales.

You can find out more about the YMCA during the Great War on our Facebook page or the website at <http://www.lymca.info>

MANDY CADDY

Grow, show and share fills gap at the Garden by the Sea

FRIENDS of St Augustine's Church are launching 'Grow Show Share', a mixture of produce, preserves and craft, all grown or made in or around Penarth.

The town is well known for being the 'Garden by the Sea'; it has beautiful parks, allotments, and many lovely gardens, but no horticultural produce shows! The Friends are filling this gap in September with their first

'Grow, Show and Share' event.

Diana Mead, the last chairman of Penarth Horticultural Society, said: "It is great to see a new horticultural event being created in Penarth. As chairman of the society at our final meeting, I was deeply saddened to see it close but unfortunately, no-one wanted to take over the responsibility of running it and all societies need a changing team of officers and committee to keep them alive and vibrant.

"The new venture is just what Penarth needs;

the new ideas are very exciting, they have certainly got me buzzing with excitement."

The event will take place over the weekend of September 19 and 20 in St Augustine's and the plan is to set up the church with spaces for people to display anything they have grown or made. Displays can include produce: flowers, fruit, vegetables, preserves – and there will be opportunities for those who create craft items representing flowers, fruit or vegetables.

Unlike traditional shows, there won't be formal judging. There will be broad categories and, as with the Christmas Tree festival, the public will vote. The event will be opened at 11am on September 19 by Victoria Wade, who was a gold medalist at the Royal Horticultural Show in Cardiff earlier in the year.

There are several categories for children, with something for most ages, including a 60-second video of anything growing in Penarth, miniature gardens, and a photography competition.

Andrew Davison, a committee member of the Friends, believes this event will "fill a gap" and "provide a wonderful opportunity to show the world that Penarth is not just one of the 30 best places to live in the UK, but also somewhere people grow fantastic vegetables, fruit and flowers and are exceptionally creative."

"I loved the old horticultural show and want to help recreate that spirit of excitement and pride – but in a different way that will suit a different generation," he commented.

Entry forms are available from Penarth library, by emailing triciagriffiths65@yahoo.co.uk or phoning: 02920 707828. TG

WHAT'S ON News in brief

Summer fayre

A SUMMER fayre at Newton Institute, Porthcawl on Saturday, August 8 starts at 2pm; admission 50p; raffle, tombola, cake stall, book stall, toys, games, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, clothes and garden stall.

Llantwit remembers

THE Royal British Legion branch at Llantwit Major will be holding a short ceremony at the cenotaph in Llantwit on Friday, August 14 at 10am.

Friends reunited!

AFIAITH is a contact group for former pupils of Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Baruc, as a way of catching up with old friends, making new ones, and getting to grips again with the Welsh language in a relaxed setting.

The next meeting is at the Park Hotel, Barry on Friday, August 14.

Volunteers needed to come on stream!

RANGERS at Porthkerry Country Park are appealing for more volunteers to help with their latest stream cleaning operation.

On Saturday, August 15 from 10am to 1pm, rangers will be removing rubbish and fallen branches from Porthkerry's streams, and are putting on a free barbecue to all those who lend a hand.

Children are welcome provided they are accompanied by an adult, and all are advised to wear wellies, gloves and old clothes.

Volunteers can meet under the gazebo in the car park at the bottom of Fishponds Hill, near the

railway bridge from 10am on the day.

For more information, contact Park Ranger Mel Stewart on 01446 733589 or email porthkerry@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Epilepsy advice

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale are holding a health topic session at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, August 18 (10am – 12 midday) when an Epilepsy Wales Health Care professional will be available. Contact 01446 732385 for further information. No appointment needed.

Golden Oldies

THE Golden Oldies charity uses music to brighten the lives of the elderly.

A fun session is held in Barry at Salem Baptist Church, Beryl Road on the second Tuesday in the month (10.30am – 11.30am).

Gardens open

THE following will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme:

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A small enclosed front and rear garden designed to lead you around its informal planting of over 200 species.

Somewhere to sit and relax. Narrow paths and steps make access difficult for less mobile visitors.

Opening information: Sunday, August 9 (2pm – 5pm). Admission £3, child admitted free. Light refreshments.

Norma and Peter Stephen.

Bordervale Plants, Sandy Lane, Ystradowen,

WHILE many actors slip into their later years by scaling down their workload and dealing with smaller parts, Tom Cruise shows no signs of letting up.

Seemingly intent to do work in the blockbuster genre as much as possible, Cruise, who is now a sprightly 53 years old, makes a return to the *Mission: Impossible* franchise with *Rogue Nation*.

Cruise's Ethan Hunt, and his team of IMF agents (among them Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg and a returning Ving Rhames) have to take down a shadowy group known as the Syndicate, led by Lane (Sean Harris) who are intent on destroying the IMF and causing global terror.

Forced to team up with the mysterious Ilsa (Rebecca Ferguson), Hunt hunts down the group as IMF face their most impossible mission yet...

When a film opens up with a set-piece that sees Tom Cruise clinging manfully onto the side of an aircraft, a stunt that the actor did for real with no CGI trickery involved, it makes a pretty bold statement that this is a film intent on delivering spectacle and action.

Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation certainly does that, but allied to a story that keeps you engaged with its

It is nearly Impossible not to enjoy Cruise's latest Mission...



by GARETH JAMIESON
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reverential.

These films are vehicles for Tom Cruise, and, as ever, the actor does a good job; it's hard to see where Hunt ends and Cruise begins, and while his character's arc is understated and familiar, he gives a blockbuster performance. Simon Pegg gets more to do than just comic relief this time round, which is a pleasure to see, while the likes of Jeremy Renner, Ving Rhames and Alec Baldwin make no wrong steps.

The standout turn by far is Rebecca Ferguson as the mysterious Ilsa, the Swedish actress stealing the film from her more illustrious cast with a performance that is part femme fatale (another little nod to De Palma and Hitchcock) and part non-sense action star, a breakthrough turn from the Swedish actress who leaves you wanting more come the end.

The only real misstep from the film comes at the climax, the jaw-dropping action sequences that have gone before rendering the more low-key conclusion, and the reveal of Sean Harris' villainous plans, something of a damp squib – yet, given the sumptuous feast we've been given before, the lack of a show-stopping climax isn't felt that hard, with *Rogue Nation* making the art of good blockbuster filmmaking look anything but impossible.

VERDICT – Making the Impossible look easy, *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* is a hugely thrilling slice of summer cinema. As ever, Cruise does the super-hero action role to a tee, but there's shade and depth from the likes of Simon Pegg and Rebecca Ferguson's stand-out to support him, coupled with some incredible set-pieces from Christopher McQuarrie's strong direction.

The mission for Cruise and company now, should they choose to accept it, is to try and top this! Highly recommended.

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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2015 • FONMON CASTLE



This year's Vale Show is set to be the biggest and best yet!

THIS year's Vale of Glamorgan Show on Wednesday, August 12, is set to be the biggest and best yet – with a huge variety of attractions for all the family to enjoy.

The show attracts a diverse audience, not only from the local farming and equestrian communities, but also creative people with interests in horticulture, crafts, food and more.

Visitors now

regularly top 20,000 each year. Car parking is free on the site and the Vale Council support the event by running buses from all over the Vale to the show.

We are delighted to have Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend as our main event sponsor again this year, and we would like to thank Nathaniel Cars and the other businesses and people who support the Vale Show.

2015 sees the return of competitive shearing to the Vale Show and we can't wait! There will be

Junior, Intermediate, Senior and an Open class; we are expecting a hectic day of high quality competition and huge audiences cheering on the competitors.

The best shepherds and stockmen will compete against each other for the cleanest shear in the shortest time. This will provide a great opportunity to see professional shearers in action!

Abi Reader of Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe, is working with Glamorgan farmers and Young Farmers to make the

event a showcase to inform the public about farming and where food comes from – and also the high standards of milk production and the welfare of the milk they drink.

There will be milking demonstrations during the day and calf feeding. Milky, the wooden cow, will be making an appearance and the very popular remote-controlled tractor course finding your way from the farm to the shops.

Do make an effort to explore the livestock paddock – there are excellent entries in the cattle classes.

The sheep lines see numbers increasing, with a novice sheep and handler class, plus a coloured sheep class.

This year also sees a repeat of last year's

wool fleece competition demonstrations, plus a spinning and weaving marquee.

The Tawe and Vale of Glamorgan Guilds of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will be sharing the sheep marquee; and there will be the chance to learn about the Wonders of Wool with the British Wool Marketing Board's fleece competition, featuring fleeces from local flocks.

The poultry show, run by Callum Griffiths, will be expanding this year – and entries are already flooding in.

Phil Wovles and Gail Wintle organised a very successful revamped horticultural section for the first time last year, hosting over 90 classes. Phil is a champion large

vegetable grower and last year we needed a scale and area with a fork lift to weigh the produce that was entered. The horticulture marquee is sponsored by Peter Lynn Solicitors.

The food court is continuing the new look this year with Myfanwy Edwards, of the Vale Farmers' Market, at the helm, and with a Welsh-only theme, over 40 producers will take over a large corner of the field.

The KC registered dog show annually attracts over 700 entries and is well worth visiting for the huge variety of breeds of dog on show.

The home produce marquee has an increase in entries each year and has become a huge spectacle.

This marquee is

sponsored by Cardiff Airport. It opens at 12pm after the exhibits have been judged, and promises a wonderful spectacle of baking, craft, photography and preserves on show.

There are plenty of shopping opportunities on the show field. The ever popular Cooke & Arkwright craft fair, over 200 trade stands, and an expanded shopping mall which is sponsored this year by PA Black, will provide a wonderful shopping experience, where you can buy anything from a cupcake to a new car.

In the main ring, there will be horse classes and later in the day there will be the chance to meet the

hounds of the Glamorgan Hunt when they parade for us. The main ring entertainment follows the spectacular grand parade and will this year feature Broke FMX and their thrilling stunt motocross show.

To round off the day, there will be a two-bar show jumping competition and the always exciting hunt scurry.

The 2015 Vale Show promises to be a great day out and a very warm welcome awaits you in Fonmon Castle grounds on Wednesday, August 12.

Further information on the show website: www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk or by email: vale.show@outlook.com

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'Welcome one and all to the family show!'

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

AS Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Show, I welcome one and all to come and enjoy this great family day out.

There is no other one day show to rival this diverse spectacle. The show has many attractions that in the Farming in the Vale marquee, run by Abi Reader will give an insight into 'Where your food comes from'. This will be manned by local farmers and members of the Young Farmers Club.

The Glamorgan Yeomanry marquees have been extended to build on the success of their popularity last year. Pop into their tent in the agricultural section. The main ring will be busy with varied competitions through the day, concluding with the Grand Parade, where you can see the excellence of

livestock and horses.

Around the show, there are many more attractions for the children and adults – save your legs and use the Road Train, which will take you on a tour of the site; watch a Punch & Judy show; and see if you can find the 'winner' in the Pet Lamb competition.

Thanks go to Nathaniel Cars of Bridgend for sponsoring the show again this year, the committee members and all stewards for their hard work.

I do hope you all have a memorable and enjoyable day in the grounds of Fônnon Castle on August 12.

MRS ELIZABETH SYNAN,
Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.



Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2015 • FÔNNON CASTLE

Varied delights in the home produce section

VALE Show visitors are invited to explore the delights of the home produce, floral and craft marquee – and experience the talent from across the county.

As always, the schedule and classes are varied, offering something for everyone, whatever their age. Bringing together competitors from across the generations, the marquee is full of friendly rivalry on show day!

Organised and run by the home produce committee and sponsored by Cardiff Airport, the marquee is an established tradition at the show and well worth a visit.

A favourite of the day is the Chairman's Cup, with this year's theme being a 'A Taste of Wales', which requires competitors to produce five items of cookery.

Individual competitions include a range of classes in the following sections: preserves, cookery, floral, crafts and arts – not to mention a chance for the male bakers to display their talents in the men's only competition.

Children's classes are

divided into three age categories of seven and under; eight to 11, and 12 to 16 years and include arts, crafts and baking.

This year sees pupils taking part in the handwriting competition from Llansannor Church in Wales and Rhws primary schools.

Chairperson of the home produce committee, Mrs Jan Rees, said: "Entries in 2014 were at a record high and this is something we would like to build on this year. I would encourage all ages to try their hand at something that interests

them, or come along on the day to enjoy the highlights of the competitions."

On show day, the public are welcome to view the items from 12.30pm onwards. The committee would like to extend their gratitude to the class sponsors for their support, allowing the competitions to take place.

It's never too late to enter – schedules are available from the home produce secretary by telephoning 01443 225202, or alternatively at www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk.

Excitement builds over the jumps...

THIS year, the show jumping at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show is going to be more exciting than ever before, with over £4,300 in prize money, due to the generosity of our sponsors.

Competitors will be travelling from all around the country to compete in classes from British Novice to the National 1.40m Open, for the top prize of £500 to the winner.

This will be followed by a very exciting speed class, with the competitors going as fast as they can, as well as clearing the fences to try and win the £500 that goes to the winner.

The two-fence challenge will be in the main show ring at 5pm; an exciting class, with competitors jumping two fences, both fences reaching top of the wings by the final round.

Will they beat last year's height of 1.75m?

Horticulture section just can't wait for the off!

ICAN'T wait for this year's show, after the great success of last year where we not only had great entries from all over the Vale, but from as far away as Reading, London and Mansfield.

This year, we see 100 classes in the horticultural section at the Vale Of Glamorgan Show, with classes to suit people of all ages.

I don't think anyone will forget the display of vegetables and fruit from last year's show – it was amazing.

The children's section has a great choice of classes, where they have the opportunity to enter a variety of classes – from the best scarecrow made from recycling, an arrangement of flowers in a welly boot, miniature garden – plus many more.

It was such a pleasure to see the children's

enthusiasm, excitement and creativity at last year's show. I can't wait to see this year's entries. We also have a great variety of classes for all you green-fingered garden enthusiasts.

There are classes from the best five potatoes, best nine runner beans, as well as the giant section for the heaviest pumpkin – the longest runner bean to the tallest sunflower.

This created great excitement with visitors last year and is not to be missed.

So come along to the land of the giants – you have to see it to believe it!

...Keep a look out for Phillip Vowles, the horticultural manager, on 'Gardener's World' tomorrow (Friday, August 7), where he spent a day in the garden with presenter Joe Swift.

GAIL WINTLE,
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Our magnificent dairy herds, our farmers, and this beautiful landscape, are under threat from cruel supermarket milk price wars and crippling price regimes.

Inexcusable pressure is being put on our family farms that are the backbone of rural Wales, supplying jobs and businesses to local people.

The survival rates of dairy farms are not in our favour.

MilkMatters –

Ladycows from the Vale of Glamorgan, will be at the show giving live milking demonstrations to reveal the full story about where our delicious, nutritious milk comes from.

Teaming up with their farmers, these 'Ladycow Divas' will tell you how they help to shape and care for this beautiful Welsh landscape.

Meet the pretty little Ladycalves – sadly, their future is under threat from crippling supermarket price wars.

They will tell you what you can do to help them survive this countryside crisis.

Come and see us in the Farming in the Vale tent in the livestock area of the show ground, where a very warm welcome awaits you.

Food, food, glorious food! COME AND SEE WHAT'S ON OUR MENU!

FOLLOWING on from last year's success, the Vale Farmers' Market Food Court has now become a must-see destination on the show field and will be returning once again to celebrate our wonderful local produce.

Our stallholders are all Welsh, many of whom are from right here in the Vale, you will recognise a lot from our very own farming community.

So what better opportunity to showcase the very best of our locally-made, home-grown produce than at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show?

This year's delights include award-winning Welsh cheese, cider, seaweed gin, lamb and lavender sausages, cakes, flapjacks and brownies of every imaginable flavour.

Chutneys, jams, sauces, herb-infused

vinegars, salad dressings, ice cream as well as locally made wooden kitchen utensils.

What's more, every single product on sale within the food court will have been reared, produced, or made by the person selling it.

Leave your packed lunches at home: we've got so much food on offer, you'll be spoilt for choice! We have topside beef rolls, pork rolls, duck burgers, lamb burgers and of course a fantastic range of vegetarian delights.

Have a question about what's on offer? No problem, ask the expert that's cooking it for you. Home grown, home reared, home-made... how could you resist?

The food court is being co-ordinated by your very own Vale Farmers' Market, and many of the producers you will see at the show, you can find at the regular Farmers' Market in Cowbridge and

Penarth each month.

Why not come along to the food court and find out exactly what great produce is available – and make shopping for local produce part of your weekly shop?

With picnic benches galore, we hope that this is one stop you will definitely make at this year's Vale Show.

There will also be a play area for the children in the food court. Sit back and relax, grab yourself a coffee and a slice of cake, while your children are safely playing.

You can't miss us, we're the enormous green and white striped arena, with giant flags and bunting aplenty.

If you can't find us, just follow the waft of delicious cooking...

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ROUND OFF THE SHOW IN STYLE!

THIS year sees the return of the show dance on the evening of Wednesday.

August 12 on the show field, in the grounds of Fonmon Castle, by kind permission of Sir Brooke Boothby and family, along with the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society.

Hosted by Maendy Young Farmers Club, a warm welcome is extended to past and present members, supporters and friends of the organisation to round-off the show day in style. The evening will feature a live band and DJ, with a fully-stocked bar and refreshments available to purchase.

Although all ages are invited, under-16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Maendy YFC Chairman, Heather Jarvis, said: "The YFC really hope that you will be able to join us at this family event to mark the new venue and support the local rural community."

Doors are open at 7.30pm, with tickets priced at £5 before 9pm and £8 thereafter. For further information, contact Heather Jarvis on 07791 250916, or email maendy.yfc@gmail.com.

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Entries fly in to the poultry show

THE Vale of Glamorgan Poultry Show was a welcome addition to the 2014 Show and after that overwhelming success, we are back and bigger than before.

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They will travel from West Sussex and the Isle of Wight respectively, to

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This year, one young exhibitor will bring a film crew from the BBC - Rhys Homer will be filmed for a children's television programme and will be teaching viewers about keeping and showing poultry.

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It is 37 years since the first craft fair was staged and it is very rewarding to know that some of the craft exhibitors who attended the first fair, still make a special day of the Vale Show every year.

Show day is for the meeting of old friends, as well as making new ones each year. As usual, the quality of everyone's craftwork is excellent and there will be something for everyone who appreciates that special purchase.

There will be a fabulous display of woodwork, pewter, and ceramics. You will also find nursery items and toys for younger friends and family members.

The craft fair will be open at 9.30am and closes at 6pm. I will look forward to seeing you there.

MRS ANNE ARNOTT,
Craft fair secretary.

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Shearing is back, after 15-year break

AFTER a break of over 15 years, the sheep shearing competition is being held again at the Vale of Glamorgan Show.

This time, it will be run by members of the Glamorgan YFC steered by the secretar, Heather Jarvis. There will be four classes – junior, intermediate, senior and open – each enjoying some healthy competition.

During the course of the day, the competitors will shear around 900 lambs.

All the top shearers from Wales and across the border will be competing at the Vale Show, including the present Welsh champion, Richard Jones, and his Welsh team partner Gareth Daniels.

We have secured the support of local businesses in sponsoring the day and it promises to be one of the highlights of the shearing calendar. If you want to become

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Reality check as boys are asked to: **'Take good care of my baby!'**



Barry Comprehensive School students accepted the challenge to care for some very demanding babies!

THE G2E project (Guidance to Engagement, an alternative education programme within the Vale Youth Service) has been working with years 8, 9 and 10 students at Barry Comprehensive School throughout the year.

Recently, the students were given the opportunity to take a high tech RealCare® Baby3 simulator home. These infant simulators are very advanced and have wireless programming and reporting capabilities. RealCare Baby engages users by

crying to be fed, burped, rocked or changed and then 'coos' when its needs have been met. The boys had to look after the 'babies' from Friday evening to Monday morning.

After safely returning their 'babies', the boys wrote down their thoughts about the experience, here are a few of their responses:

"It was very hard and I wouldn't do it again."

"Never again, it was very hard."

"It was very hard, I wouldn't do it again, but I think I did well."

A school spokesman said: "It is the

first time the reality babies have been used with boys in the Vale and the Barry Comprehensive students rose to the challenge and did extremely well.

"There were people who had their doubts if the boys could give the babies the same high level of care and attention that girls have in the past.

"However, the boys were able to show a caring, responsible and paternal side and managed to not only match the care scores achieved by the girls, but some boys even surpassed the best scores achieved by them".

Power staff give boost to hospice



STAFF at RWE Generation UK's Aberthaw power station recently raised £5,255 for the Ty Hafan children's hospice.

First, engineers Richard Lloyd, Andy Jones, Nigel Williams and Steve Preston took part in a fundraising bike ride from Greenwich to the Eiffel Tower, which they completed in under 24 hours.

Then in April, commercial operations manager Mark Picton ran the London Marathon, raising over £2,000 with pound for pound matching from the company.

Aberthaw offered further support by sponsoring the main stage at the hospice's Pirate Fun Day on Saturday, July 4.

Station manager Richard Little said: "Supporting the local community is always high on our list of priorities at Aberthaw power station and throughout RWE Generation UK. Congratulations and thank you, to all involved in the recent activities to support Ty Hafan.

"We will continue to back the charity and their outstanding provision for young families in difficult situations.

MP'S SURGERIES

THE Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon, will be carrying out a week of surgeries at local supermarkets across the Bridgend constituency from August 11 - 14 from 11am - 1pm.

August 11 - Asda, Pyle; August 12 Asda, Bridgend; August 13 Tesco, Cowbridge Road; August 14 Sainsbury's, Bridgend.

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READERS' LETTERS

Biomass move 'disappointing'

WE would like to express our disappointment and disgust at the councillors who voted for the approval of the planning permission of the biomass incinerator on the docks.

Barry has a proud history as being one of the busiest docks in the country, if not the world, when coal was king - but it has not been in use as a dock for many many years. Not a crane

or any coal handling equipment has been left as a nod to the past. Most towns (even small ones) have a museum. Not Barry.

So what do we get in an area undergoing expensive 'regeneration' - a polluting, ugly incinerator.

I believe most of the councillors who voted for this monstrosity do not live in Barry, so it's not their problem.

Thanks a lot - shame on you!
Alan and Glenys Priest, Barry

'Barry will become a ghost town'

I THINK Barry residents should not pay for a car park in any of three car parks - Thompson Street, Wyndham Street and Kendrick Road.

Barry businesses are struggling as it is. It will be much easier to hop on the bus, train or park and ride, to go to Cardiff shops and banks. Shops will close down in Barry town.

So the income the Vale think they will get

from charging for car parking, they lose in council tax etc from the shop closing down.

The multi-storey car park in town is a nightmare. I don't know anybody who has not hit the kerbs. It is so tight to drive around, even with a small car.

Most Barry residents go to town to pay bills, eg council tax, in the civic offices, or meet friends for coffee.

Barry town will sadly come a ghost town if this happens.

Mrs Tina Saunders, Barry

Local family's link with Suvla Bay Gallipoli disaster

YOUR recent report on Gallipoli veteran, Private John James Thomas, prompts me to write that my father, Thomas Henry Berry, also fought at the Suvla Bay Landings, with Kitchener's 10th Irish Division.

He left the family home in Griffithstown, near Pontypool, as soon as war was declared in August 1914, and took 'The King's Shilling' at Newport.

He joined the Royal Artillery and was posted to an RA battery in Ireland, part of the 10th Irish Division.

The Division was to be deployed at Gallipoli, and would be reviewed by King George V and Britain's most famous soldier, Lord Kitchener, at Hackwood Park, Basingstoke, Hants, prior to embarkation.

It was a special day for my father. He was given the honour of acting as divisional trumpeter, sounding the appropriate cavalry and other calls as His Majesty (the Queen's grandfather), accompanied by Lord Kitchener, both on horseback, inspected the 8,000 soldiers on parade.

My father, also on horseback, accompanied the Major-General, Commanding Officer of the Division. My father, many years later, told me what a colourful spectacle it was.

Many of the regiments (all part of the British Army then, such as the Dublin Fusiliers, Inniskilling Fusiliers and Connaught Rangers, have long since disappeared).

The Division very soon set sail for the Dardanelles and was in action at Suvla Bay. His experiences at

Gallipoli are written in his diaries.

There is also a splendid photograph of him on horseback prior to Gallipoli, taken the The Curragh barracks in Ireland.

It was Winston Churchill who pressed the Government to proceed with the Dardanelles campaign, the object being for the Army to advance north through the peninsula and take Constantinople.

It proved to be a failure, and Churchill's reputation was only restored when he became Prime Minister during the Second World War.

It fell to Lord Kitchener to visit Gallipoli, then report back to the Government that the campaign was doomed to fail and that the Army, as well as ANZAC forces, should be immediately evacuated.

The withdrawal was brilliantly executed, without casualty, over several nights, without the Turkish trenches being aware.

My father was one of the last to be evacuated. Being so weak with dysentery, he had to be hauled on board the waiting vessel in a fisherman's net to receive immediate medical treatment from Australian Army doctors.

However, his war was not over. He went on to serve in the Mesopotamia (Iraq) campaign until the Armistice in 1918 when the Turkish army was finally defeated.

It spelt the end of the Ottoman Empire and revenge for the Gallipoli disaster.

IDRIS BERRY
(Porthcawl)

Charles Byrd exhibits rarely-seen paintings

THERE will be an exhibition of the work of artist Charles Byrd in the Travellers Gallery, Barry, from Monday, August 10 to Saturday, September 18.

The 98-year-old makes a welcome return to Barry: From the age of 10, he attended Romilly Road Elementary School and became a member of the famous Romilly Boys Choir.

He lived in Barry for about four years before moving to Cardiff.

Charles Byrd is well-known for his depiction of the streets, parks and backyards of his beloved Canton and for his portrayal of Cardiff docklands in the late 50s and early 60s.

This was recognised when the Welsh National Eisteddfod visited Cardiff in 2008.

The special exhibition at 'Y Lle Celf', the Art Pavilion exhibited a number of his kinetic sculptures, his famous 'Magical



Charles Byrd.

Machines!"

One of these kinetic sculptures can be seen at the Central Library in King's Square and another two are now housed at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg.

During the 1960s, the artist also produced over 100 abstract paintings.

Now approaching his 99th year, he still works tirelessly on his ever-increasing number of small sculptures while also revisiting some of these earlier works.

This exhibition is a selection of these rarely seen paintings.

Charles Byrd's 'Jewelled Surfaces' exhibition is at Travellers Gallery, Broad Street, Barry from August 10-September 18. Travellers Gallery is run by VoGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists) in partnership with MIND in the Vale.

LINE DANCING LADIES FROM CADOXTON WI!

JULY was another busy month for Cadoxton WI. On July 8, members attended a garden party at Margam Park to celebrate the WI centenary.

Although the weather was not warm enough to sit outside and picnic, the members enjoyed the happy atmosphere.

It was fascinating watching the fashions, food and other party accessories. Candelabra, champagne and hats

were the order of the day.

The meeting on July 20 was a lot of fun when Ruth entertained us with line dancing routines. Dancers and spectators alike said it was "terrific".

An invite from Wenvoe WI for a centenary tea was also a delightful afternoon.

Meetings are held every third Monday at 7pm at Victoria Park Community Centre. Visitors are welcome. Contact 01446 404891.

Barry Island becomes a rock venue as local bands bring live music to weekend crowds

PUT together the words 'beach' and 'rock' and you inevitably think of something red, crunchy and bad for your teeth.

Last weekend (August 1-2) at Barry Island Beach, it was a different sort of rock altogether, as many local band took to a stage at the Eastern Promenade shelter to play for crowds relaxing on the sand.

Included in the line-up were local bands Whisky Lies, Strip Light and Underdogs.



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ABOVE: UWC Atlantic College held a very special reunion for those who were at the college 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago. It ran from Friday, July 24 to Sunday July 26. In total, 400 former students and staff were able to attend the special three days.



PLAYGROUP'S TRIP GOES TO PLAN B!



On July 17, after watching the weather forecast all week that predicted fantastic sunshine, Philly Bears' playgroup, at Barry 5th Sea Scout hall in Everard Street, planned their third annual trip to Barry Island beach, a spokeswoman reported.

Unfortunately, the weather was not

the sunshine predicted – it was raining and gloomy! It was decided to go with plan B. Instead of setting up the gazebo and all the blankets and toys, the group opted for a walk along the beach!

At Barry Dock rail station, they caught the 9.15am train and had the carriage to themselves. The children were excited, even though they were only going two stops!

Group photos were taken under the western promenade; by this time, the rain had stopped and the sun was trying to come out.

As this term's topic has been about the beach and pirates and princesses, they went on a treasure hunt for shells, stones, sticks and seaweed.

After more beach fun and a picnic, the happy group returned home by train.

Centurions' revenge!

SULLY Centurions hosted Barry Athletic with the 10-wicket defeat earlier in the season still fresh in the memory.

However, this time, a new look Centurions side ran out winners by 116 runs. Batting first, new boys Ted Alsop (16) and Calum Thomas (22) were both victims of Daffyd Frost. Santosh Singh added 34 and Gareth Thomas hit 42 at more than a run a ball, including a 67-run partnership with skipper Lloyd Bruce (who made 37).

After a couple of cheap wickets, Owain Sullivan (24 not out) and new signing Chirag Barak (29) added 48 for the ninth wicket, as Centurions were bowled out for 257 in the 44th over. Billy Usswald's excellent 5 for 52 was the stand out bowling performance for Barry.

When Barry batted, both openers were back in the pavilion with only 13 runs on the board, with a wicket each going to Santosh Singh and Gareth Thomas.

Then David Goodway (top scorer with 45) and Andrew Buckland (23) added 68 for the third wicket, before a

collapse that saw the score going from 81 for 3 to 100 for 7 in the space of four overs.

Frost showed some resistance with a battling 23 not out, but the Barry innings finally came to an end in the 28th over, with the score on 141 all out.

The wickets were shared out, with Ted Alsop (3 for 17) being the top bowler, followed by Gareth Thomas (2 for 50) and Prashant Choudhary (2 for 30).

IN the reverse fixture, the Second XI lost heavily at Barry Island, with Barry Seconds winning by seven wickets to consolidate their top of the table status.

Only Ben Callow (18) Aaron Emyr (with an excellent 41) and Luke Burnett (10) made it into double figures. Chandren, Baker and Ferriday all picked up three wickets as Centurions were bowled out for just 86.

In spite of Bharat bagging the early scalp of Dawson for 15 and bowling Chandran for 21 (with Iwan Thomas chipping in with the wicket of Steve Oram), it only took 26 overs for Barry to complete the victory. **MF**

Athletic slip into relegation dogfight after derby defeat

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic 1st XI travelled the short distance for the local derby against Sully.

Sully won the toss and batted first; the first wicket fell on 35 when C Thomas was caught by Jones off Frost for 22.

On 45 the same bowler got rid of Allsop, caught by Gee at third man for 16, and the third wicket fell on 81 when Taylor-Moore had Singh Caught by Murphy for 6.

At 100 it was four down as Ellis had Shokeen bowled for 34; a partnership of 67 ensued between G. Thomas and Bruce before Bruce was bowled by Usswald for 37.

The sixth wicket to go was G Thomas for 42, also bowled Usswald with the score on 177; on 185 Chandrey was caught Smith bowled Usswald for 7, Davies then fell with the score on 190, caught by Goodway also off the bowling of Usswald for 4.

The ninth wicket fell with the score 238 when Balack was caught Taylor-Moore, a fifth wicket for the ever-reliable Billy Usswald, and the final wicket fell with the score on 257 when Buckland stumped Mcinnon off the bowling of Goodway for 5, Usswald ending with 5 for 52.

In reply, Barry got off to the worst possible start when they lost both Smith and Jones on 13 for 1 and 5 respectively.

There was then a partnership of 68 between Buckland and Goodway who were well up with the run rate before Buckland was caught behind with the score on 81 and this just opened the floodgates as seven wickets fell for 60 runs as one batsman after another came

and went.

The first of these was Murphy, bowled for 11, then Ellis run out for 0, Griffith bowled for 0, Goodway for a fine 45 (the highest score of the match), Taylor-Moore for 2, Usswald for 0 and last man out was captain Gee for nine, who went down fighting.

Dafydd Frost was left with a fine mature knock of 23 not out off 23 balls and Sully had won by 116 runs; Barry are now deep in a relegation dogfight, with just five games left to rescue their season in what is their 125th anniversary year.

At the Island, Barry's Second XI eased to an easy win when they entertained Sully Centurions Second XI, who won the toss, batted first and were bowled out for 86 with only A Emyr with 41 really showing and resistance.

Young Kieran Ferriday (3 for 18), Chandran (3 for 29) and Ashley Baker (3 for 22) were the best bowlers, while young Adam Sylvestar had impressive bowling figures of six overs, four maidens and six runs for no wickets.

In reply, Barry reached their target with the loss of only three wickets with Chandran (21), Steve Oram (20) and Craig Brock (18 not out) getting the main runs as Barry's 2nd XI keep up their title charge.

This week Barry Athletic First XI entertain Ponthir at the Island with a 12.30pm start and the Second XI travel to the same opponents, also a 12.30pm start.

On Tuesday's Barry Athletic will be running junior training at the Athletic Ground, Barry Island, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

MR

A LOSS AND A WIN FOR LLANTWIT MAJOR LADIES

WITH the outdoor season drawing to a close, Llantwit Major ladies had another mixed week.

On Tuesday, on their home green, they lost on all rinks against Kenfig Hill and Pyle in the Cowbridge Shield - L.Oasley, D.Hurley, J.Molloy and E.Nicholls 11-22; E.Crouch, M.Gomma, C.Willmot and M.Horgan 15-22; K.Johnes, J.Phipps, E.Gray and M.Davies 13-15. May's team, holding the lead until the 14th end, were unfortunate to drop a six and although recovering were unable to make it up in time.

Eryl and Margaret's teams were level until the 10th end but Kenfig played well in the second half, scoring a couple of threes and

Llantwit were overwhelmed.

On Thursday with the sun shining, Llantwit welcomed Cadoxton to their green for the penultimate game in the league.

With Llantwit holding second position in the league, the ladies played their best ever game, winning on all rinks - M.Gomma, E.Nicholls, M.Horgan and C.Willmot 15-9; E.Hardie, N.Baelz, H.Nixon and E.Gray 29-10; K.Johnes, P.Pike, V.Ball and J.Molloy 33-8.

Carol's team had quite a fight of it but by keeping Cadoxton scoring only ones, they held on. Etta and Julie's teams sailed through their games, the scores never in doubt - well done ladies.

CW

Richard in championship chess action

THIS year it is the turn of England to host the British Championships and the venue is the University of Warwick.

There are a number of competitions taking place over a period of two weeks. I could not identify any current Barry Chess Club players taking part although one of our past members, Richard Hanscombe, has taken part in the first week's morning and afternoon competitions.

Richard has a current rating of 1757 which I believe is lower than when he left the Barry Club. This meant he was ranked to finish 23rd out of 27 entries in the morning competition and 28th out of 43 entrants in the afternoon competition.

In the morning competition, Richard was drawn to play fellow Welsh-registered player, Alex Bullen on the Monday. However it wasn't until the third day, Wednesday that Richard was able to register his first point in a win over Roy Lawrence.

On Friday, in the final game of the competition, he also registered a win, this time against Dominic Clinger. Both Lawrence and Dominic were rated over 100 points above Richard so these were two very good results. With a score of 2/5 Richard finished in joint 18th place; the winner was Philip Crocker, rated 2216, who finished on 4/5.

In the afternoon competition Richard

started with a win on Monday over Paul Evans (rated 1957). He had to wait until Thursday to record his second victory over William Golding.

However, Friday was a better day as he recorded his second victory of the day when he defeated Adrian Matthews, rated 1883.

This gave Richard a score of 3/5 to finish equal ninth. There was a four way tie for the title, shared between Tim Kett and Alex Freeland, both East Glamorgan players, together with the English players Sam Walker and Joseph Dalton. Sam had defeated Richard in round two so it was a case of 'if only'.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

It's youth that wins the day for Cowbridge CC!

IT had to happen sometime.

After scoring 851 runs in 14 innings the prolific Cowbridge captain, Neil Brand, failed to get double figures with the bat last Saturday, putting the onus firmly on the rest of the lads to perform.

The Cowbridge faithful need not have worried, they did and achieved a crushing 81-run victory over Pontyberem.

The win kept Cowbridge in the second promotion spot, 20 points behind Bronwydd, 16 ahead of Drefach which realistically translates as a win behind and a win ahead with four rounds to go.

The match started with Neil Brand hitting two sumptuous boundaries before clubbing one to mid on. Normality was restored by Tom Merilant and Chris Willey, two of Cowbridge's stalwarts, who took the score up to 32 before Willey was caught at slip for 16.

Some free-flowing stokeplay from Mike Lloyd (29) helped the total up to 83 but the Cowbridge innings faltered as Merilant (36) became the fifth to fall at 112.

A couple of quick wickets at this point would have put real pressure on Cowbridge. Indeed the home team would have started their innings thinking in terms of a total of well in excess of two hundred. However the game now seemed to depend on the what happened next.

That Cowbridge got to 184-8 was due to the excellent batting of Alex Kurobasa, 23 off 30 balls and especially teenager Rian Thomas whose 39 off 49 balls, took the game away from the visitors.

It was gratifying to watch these two home-grown young cricketers take responsibility at a difficult time and succeed. Although only scoring six, another young cricketer, Matt Keating,

faced 29 deliveries and kept an end secure.

The star though was undoubtedly Thomas whose mixture of quality shots and brutal clubbing delighted his teammates and the spectators.

The Pontyberem openers could not have been best pleased to see that it was Thomas who was straight back into the action after tea opening the bowling.

Their attitude was a correct one as their Anwar was caught at the wicket off the young all-rounder. Things got appreciably worse for Pontyberem as their second wicket was lost, a run out through a splendid piece of fielding by Joe Russell.

All of a sudden, 185 to win seemed a long way off. With the experienced Matt Smart tying up an end with his accurate seam bowling, Pontyberem found scoring difficult.

Nevertheless the visitors made steady if slow progress to 51-3 before Brand and Merilant claimed a wicket each to reduce Pontyberem to 55-5.

It was now a case of bowling out the visitors to gain a rich haul of points and once Sam Russell came on it didn't take long.

The youngest member of the team, Sam picked up 4-13 off six overs to put Cowbridge on the verge of victory. There was to be little resistance by the last pair as that man Rian Thomas was recalled to the attack and his bowling of the No 11 was the signal for the celebrations to start. It was a game well won by the Cowbridge team but in particular their youngsters.

This Saturday takes the first XI to Briton Ferry Town while Llanelli visit the Athletic Ground to play the second XI. Sunday sees the 175th anniversary fixture against Bridgend for the 1840 Cup, combining with the annual President's Lunch.

JRB

Welsh steeplechase rivals BY BRIAN LEE

THE Vale's David Neale Doughty is today's subject from Brian Lee's out-of-print book Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys (Cwmnedd Press, 1993).

David Neale Doughty, who hails from Kenfig Hill near Bridgend, is a graduate of the Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club. He often competed against his friend Paul Hamer, a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider, in local gymkhanas.

Although Neale never rode in point-to-points, he had set his sights on a horse racing career at an early age. At the age of ten he would go knocking the doors of the houses in his village asking if he could ride the owners' ponies.

After a while, his father bought him his own pony which he shared with two sisters, and from then on a career with horses was never in doubt, even though a doctor told him

he would probably be too big to become a professional jockey.

Born on October 20, 1957, Neale quit his academic studies at the age of 17 to join Welsh trainer Fulke Walwyn at Lambourn. Then, after a period of time with Will Crawford and Bill Marshall, he was spotted by Cumbrian trainer Gordon Richards (no relation to Sir Gordon Richards) who wanted him as a successor to his stable jockey Ron Barry.

And it was riding for Gordon Richards that he won the 1984 Grand National on *Hallo Dandy* on whom he had finished fourth in the previous year's race. Neale kept the 10-year-old *Hallo Dandy* on the outside of the course and clear of trouble throughout the race. A big jump at Becher's on the second circuit gained him a lot of ground and he landed in sixth place.

By the time Valentine's had been jumped, *Hallo Dandy* and the favourite *Greasepaint* were well clear of the 21 other

horses who were to finish the race. The largest number of finishers on record.

Another good jump at the penultimate fence gave *Hallo Dandy* the lead and he jumped the final obstacle two lengths clear of *Greasepaint* who, despite renewing his challenge, had to settle for the runner-up's spot for the second year running.

Neale, who rode his first winner at Perth in 1977, has ridden the following big race winners.

Bobby Renton Memorial Novices Chase (*Must Be Magic* 1985); Mackeson Gold Cup (Pountenes 1983); AF Budge Gold Cup (*Clever Folly* 1989); Freebooter's Novices Chase (*Noddy's Ryde* 1983 and *Must Be Magic* 1985); Cartcart Challenge Trophy (*Lord Greystoke* 1981); Ritz National Hunt Handicap Chase (*Current Gold* 1981); Parrier Jouet Novices Chase (*Noddy's Ryde* 1984).

John Cook, who is said to be Barry-born and who won the 1971 Grand National on *Specify* will be featured next time.

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Ceri and Callum take top junior golf prizes



John Hastings (left) with Ceri Vaughn Jones and Callum Thomas.

TWO of St Andrew's Major Golf Club's up and coming talents took the top prizes recently when the club staged the junior club championships on a week-end which saw the best and worst of the weather.

The number of entries was down from a year ago but those who have joined the club since then have raised the standard even higher than it was previously.

One of those juniors, 13-year-old Ceri Vaughn Jones, who is also a member at Radyr GC, produced some marvellous golf in the first round which saw him post a 62 (net) which gave him a three shot advantage over his nearest rival, left-handed Callum Thomas.

Playing off a handicap of 14, Callum came in with a round of 79. Due to appalling conditions, the second round had to be abandoned

which was unfortunate for Ceri as he was only two over par after playing his first seven holes.

This was the form which saw him win the first county championship of the year at Coed-y-Mwstwr, finish third at the junior championships at Royal Porthcawl and win at Radyr recently. He has represented Glamorgan under-14s and is climbing the order of merit table rapidly.

St. Andrew's professional, John Hastings, who started coaching Ceri when he started aged five and Callum for the past four, is delighted with the progress they have made this year as well as all the other juniors who all played below their handicaps bar one.

Last weekend saw 14-year-old Callum win the 'Crazy Gang' competition, open to full members and guests with a 75, his lowest score to date, and further proof of his undoubted talent.

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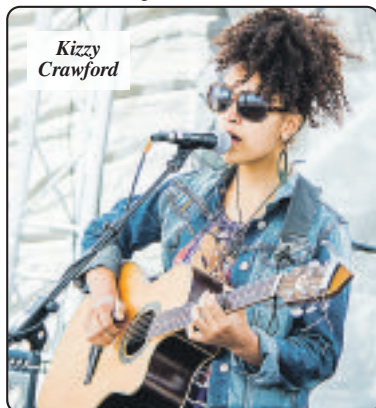
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PARKING CHARGES 'RETROGRADE STEP'

I WAS utterly dismayed to learn of the Vale Council's decision to introduce car parking charges of up to £5 in parts of Barry and Cowbridge.

The plan is an extremely dangerous move by the Labour-run council and could decimate our struggling high streets, which are already heavily challenged by out-of-town retail parks with ample free parking.

In my eyes, this is a retrograde step and while it might deliver a short-term revenue increase for the council, the loss in the medium to long term through loss of business on the high

streets could be huge.

The Welsh Conservatives have set out our plans to revitalise our high streets, as they should be the bustling heart of a community rather than feature vacant shop fronts. The plans can be read online by visiting our website's policy section.

By regenerating our local high streets, we can take a significant step forward in nurturing growth in our economy, creating jobs and making Wales a more prosperous nation.

Decisions such as this will set our high streets back years.

Andrew RT Davies
Leader of the Welsh Conservatives
and South Wales Central regional AM

PORT ROAD BUS STOP: a resolution at last!

AS one of the local ward councillors for Cadoc, I have been working for over 18 months with the Vale Council highways department and Cardiff Bus officers to try and get Cardiff Bus to use the lay-by and bus stop by Golwg Y Coed on Port Road in Barry.

At the request of local residents, I have been trying to get Cardiff Bus to stop at the newly-built bus stop near the Crematorium and not at the old one further down the road, which is extremely difficult to access and use.

I have to confess that it has proved extremely difficult to find a solution that has been acceptable to Cardiff Bus, despite other bus operators being prepared to use the new bus stop.

We have offered several solutions and have had several site visits with our highway engineers to look at suitable solutions, but up until now none were acceptable to Cardiff Bus.

Memorial to seafarers

I RECENTLY put out an appeal to improve the Barry Seafarers' Memorial but feel it is only right to point out the good work being carried out at this site by the 11th Barry Sea Scouts, in conjunction with the local Merchant Navy Association.

It has been pointed out to me by their leader, Bryan Foley, that his group have been painting and tidying up the site to make it more presentable. This is fantastic news and I feel

After a great deal of time and effort by everyone involved, I am very pleased to confirm that we have now found a mutually acceptable and workable solution, and we have reached an agreement with Cardiff Bus to accept our latest suggestion.

As a result, work will be able to commence on alterations to the bus stop and finalise this issue, which hopefully should be completed by the early autumn.

I am pleased at the outcome of this very

'Let's not forget the hedgehogs'

WOULD I be the only one hoping that the Vale Council was pursuing a new conservation policy regarding the non cutting of the grass verges on the Cowbridge by-pass and other areas in the Vale – other than for saving money?

I'm disappointed to see this was not the case with grass cutting scheduled this week for the by-pass.

We should be

they should be commended on their efforts to improve this important site.

Working with these groups, I am still looking for donors or sponsors to improve this memorial site, to provide a permanent flag pole, planters, benches and perhaps a cover.

After all, as we are a seaside town, we owe it to these people who gave their lives at sea.

Coun Richard Bertin, Barry
(Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council)

long running complaint and to be able to share the good news – particularly with those of you who have been waiting to use this facility since the estate was built.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officials at Cardiff Bus and the officers at the Vale Council for the work involved in getting to this sensible solution.

I look forward to the bus stop being used in due course.

Coun Anne Moore, Cadoc Ward, Barry

encouraging and helping sustain wildlife in our hedgerows and the uncut grass verges are an ideal area for all kinds of animals to live in and travel from one location to another.

It is a natural habitat for hedgehogs, which according to a report by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) commissioned by PTES and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) to determine the state of Britain's hedgehogs, indicates that at a conservative estimate a quarter of the population has been lost in the last 10 years.

The evidence is very strong that hedgehogs are in trouble and hedgehogs were declared a priority conservation species in 2007.

Perhaps, if the verges have to be cut, only a narrow strip near the kerbs could be cut everywhere in the Vale, leaving a larger uncut area up to the hedges.

I may be wrong, of course, but do other readers think that this could be a win-win policy for the council and our wildlife?

HT Hailes, Cowbridge

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The Cadoxton team with its coach and instructors, missing is Anita Sheppard.

World titles for Cadoxton school

THE weekend of July 24-26 saw the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do combine forces with several other martial art styles to form a combined Welsh Squad to compete in the World Organization of Martial Arts Athletes (W.O.M.A.A.) World XV Games held at the Wales National Indoor Athletic Centre Cardiff.

The Welsh squad included 18 members from the Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do headed by Master Ron Thomas.

The countries that attended were America, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Ireland, England, Scotland, Jersey, Isle of Man, Sweden, Portugal, Spain, and Bangladesh and of course Wales, all representing their countries with pride and good sportsmanship.

The games ran smoothly over the three days and brought forth many new WOMAA world champions. The night time finals on Sunday night were something to see; everyone who attended the finals had a great time and witnessed some great competition from some of the world's class competitors.

The Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do came away successfully with a total 54 medals.

After the opening ceremony the weapon, traditional and synchronised pattern categories began with the Cadoxton school being represented in



Keita Enfield

all sections.

Results were as follows: traditional patterns - gold, Peter O'Callaghan; silver Cody Jacobsen, Maddison Allen, Lucia Cunningham, Matthew Bennett, Keita Enfield and Martin James; bronze Joel Wells, Anita Sheppard, Jessica Blackley, Thea Cunningham and Leland Butler.

Weapons sections - gold Matthew Bennett in both the traditional and bladed, Anita Sheppard and Lucia Cunningham; silver, Cody Jacobsen, Cian Allen and Ethan Andrus; bronze, Charlie Rogers, Thea Cunningham, Joel Wells and Jessica Blackley.

The second day saw the start of the point sparring categories: gold Cody Jacobsen, Charlie Rogers, Lucia Cunningham, Thea Cunningham, Anita Sheppard, Cameron Evans and Keita Enfield; silver, Maddison Allen and Joel Wells; bronze Jake Quigley, Matthew Bennett, Jessica Blackley, Mason Blackley and Leland Butler.

The third and final day was the longest with all the continuous sparring, and team events along with the grand champion events taking place.

Results were as follows: continuous sparring - Lucia Cunningham gold in her own category; Lucia also fought up a category and took the gold. Also Joel Wells, Cameron Evans and Jessica Blackley took gold.

Silver medals were awarded to Cian Allen, Charlie Rogers, Thea Cunningham and Jake Quigley; bronze Cody Jacobsen, Mason Blackley and Leland Butler.

Jessica Blackley and Lucia Cunningham won gold in the girl's team point sparring. Joel Wells won gold in both the boys team point and continuous sparring while Cameron Evans earned a silver in the boy's team point sparring.

The event and day ended with the ladies open weight point sparring grand championship where we had Keita Enfield competing.

Throughout the day Keita had competed to reach the grand champion final, where she dominated the two, two-minute rounds to be crowned the W.O.M.A.A. world grand champion.

Club instructor and coach, Master Ron Thomas, was inducted into the hall of fame as the international instructor of the year.

The club's overwhelming and continuing success is due to the dedication and hard work of its members, supporters, coaches and instructors, whose hard work throughout the year paid off.

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T.McC

Lions hold presentation day

PARK Lions held a belated presentation day on Saturday.

They were unable to be at the club's presentation day due to half the team representing their school in a football tournament in Sweden.

The boys have had a great season and are looking forward to 2015/16 as under-14s. The club would like to thank Tim, Cory, Craig for their hard work and dedication and the players and parents for all their continued support.

We are currently looking to strengthen our under-9s and under-11s so are looking for players going into school year 4 and 6.

If you are interested and like to find out more please contact Kim on 07772 955635.

KI



Dinas Powys Golf Club - ladies results

ON July 7, a 18 hole stableford was held - 1st Vicki Ellison 44 pts, 2nd Annie Blackburn 39pts, 3rd Sue Bridle 33pts.

Congratulations to Vicki Ellison who had her handicapped dropped from 34 to 29 after this competition.

On July 7, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Warne, 2nd Kit Roblin.

On July 14, the Welsh Dragon Brooch Medal: 1st Carolyn Jones 85 - 13 = 72 nett, 2nd Annie Blackburn 94 - 21 = 73, 3rd Maxine Hird 97 - 22 = 75 on back nine from Vicki Ellison 104 - 29 = 75.

On July 14, a nine hole stableford: 1st Pam Warne, 2nd Jackie Lewis. On July 21, our ladies charity day supporting Vale Plus, 18 hole stableford: 1st Lisa Ryley 33pts on count back from 2nd Sue Bridle 33pts, 3rd Ann Mahenthalingam 32pts.

On July 21, a nine hole stableford for our charity, Vale Plus: 1st Pam Warne, 2nd Kit Roblin.

On July 28, an 18 hole medal eight: 1st Sue Bridle 88 - 19 = 69, 2nd Vicki Ellison 102 - 29 = 73, 3rd Angela Brown 95 - 21 = 74.

On July 28, a nine hole stableford: 1st Terry = 75 on back nine from Unwin, 2nd Angela Thomas.

RY

The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 28:

1st Debbie & Simon Richards 61.98%; 2nd Mark Roderick & Mick Green 59.90%; 3rd Huw & Celia Thomas 58.33%. Huw and Celia Thomas won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

DR

Table tennis club resumes

CARDIFF table tennis league's community club resumes its Friday evening sessions at 7pm on August 7 in the Upper Hall of Wales Sport Sophia Gardens Cardiff.

We use 16 table tennis tables and provide free coaching for those under age 18; there is no joining fee.

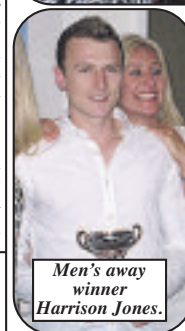
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AG

Golfers pay tribute to Colin



Chris Miller, men's winner, with Claire Jones and Jodi Winter.



Men's away winner Harrison Jones.



Ladies' winner Andrea Page.

ON Saturday, July 25, the annual Colin Jones Memorial golf tournament was held in memory of Colin Jones.

Colin was a popular and respected past member of Brynhill Golf Club and a well known and respected local solicitor in Barry.

There were 115 people who entered the competition to play and pay their respects to Colin and his family, the number of players reflecting just how popular he was.

Every player was invited to toast Colin at Bilbo's Bridge, between the sixth green and seventh tee. Considering the weather on the previous Friday, the sun shone for Colin's event.

Before announcing the winners, the captain, Rhys Jones, gave a toast to absent friends. The

captain thanked Iain Grant (course manager) for the way he presented the course, which was in excellent condition.

Thanks also went to Matthew Owen, the professional, ladies' captain Glynis Gould and to the bar and catering staff. Jodi Winter and Claire Jones (Colin's daughter) presented the prizes.

Results: men's home winner: Chris Mills - 45 points; men's away winner: Harrison Jones (son of Colin) - 37 points (Harrison received a standing ovation from everyone present); ladies' winner: Andrea Page - 41 points.

Afterwards the members and guests enjoyed their evening in the clubhouse with the entertainment by Mike Briscoe's No Static disco.

JK

Close contest in farmers' July golf competition

THE July meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held at the well-maintained Grove Golf Club near Porthcawl, sponsored by the Maesglas Veterinary Group of Bridgend.

This annual pairs competition is usually keenly contested and this year was no exception. When all the competitors had returned to the clubhouse, just one point separated the top three teams.

Leading the field with 36 points and with a superior back nine was Glyn Watts-Jones partnered with Jim Hayes, just seeing off the challenge of Neil McLean and Mike King, who also scored 36.

In third place with 35 points was captain Brian Jones partnered with Gareth Perkins.

In the section for guests, a better back nine for Kevin Hopkins and John Lane, son-in-law of David Williams, enabled them to finish with 38 points, just ahead of John Thomas and Robert

Lloyd.

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored par three holes were Tim Jarvis, John Thomas and John Lane, while 24-handicapper Chris Watson hit the longest drive on the selected hole to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge, sponsored prize.

Mike King correctly guessed 46 balls would fail to make the journey back to the clubhouse to win the Premier Turf Ltd sponsored bottle of whisky.

Finally, congratulations to both Aubrey Thomas and David Williams, who have both recently celebrated landmark 80th and 70th birthdays. Members eagerly await details of the celebratory functions!

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27 at Creigiau Golf Club when members will be competing for the Anthony Brown Cup, kindly sponsored by Llantwit Major Estate agents Anthony Brown & Co Ltd.

T.McC

The Romilly bowlers are back on track with a win

ROMILLY club team welcomed Penyrheol (Caerphilly) to Romilly Park on Saturday hoping to get their season back on track after losing heavily the previous week.

Having beaten Penyrheol away earlier in the season, winning easily by 23 shots, the opportunity for a good result was on the cards but having performed poorly during the last couple of games the 'Rom' had to concentrate against a side capable of taking points.

The game began with the visitors finding the pace and line immediately and by the fifth end were level.

With the overall score 18-16 in favour of Romilly ends six to 10 were important for Romilly to push on but the visitors were in no mood to allow Romilly to gain the initiative, remaining just six shots behind at the end of the 10th.

The score was a little close for comfort and Romilly needed to up their game to ease the sustained pressure the

visitors were exerting and the response from the Romilly rinks was immediate and by the 15th end Cogbill had moved ahead by 12, 19-7; also Newman's rink of Jeff Coles, Terry Bloomfield and Clive Collins took the initiative over these ends, moving seven clear, 15-8.

The other rinks of Foscolo and Wright were having harder games, with Foscolo's rink still tying at 13-13 and Wright dropping behind by three giving Romilly an overall advantage of 16 shots, 59-43.

During the last six ends the 'Rom' pushed on with the rinks of Cogbill and Newman continuing to outplay their opponents, eventually winning by 27-10 and 24-12 respectively, while Foscolo, assisted by Alan Bannister, Ray Hewitson and Fred Phillips finally took charge, scoring 11 shots to one, winning 24-14.

With the game overall in Romilly's favour and 12 points in the bag it was left to Wright's rink to make the extra two points but at the 17th end they were behind 12-17. The

next three ends saw the Romilly rink score 2, 2 and 2, leaving them with a one shot advantage going into the last end.

The jack was delivered virtually full length and when second Alun Bryan's wood touched the jack taking it back towards the ditch, it unfortunately stopped just short. If both wood and jack had made the ditch the bowl would have been unbeatable, giving Romilly the points.

The visitors were determined to succeed and their next wood also hit the jack taking it into the ditch away from Bryan's bowl, making the shot and rink game all square.

The game hinged on the bowls of Romilly's George Trepleton and Jeff Wright against those of Penyrheol's Geraint Thomas and Roger Skidmore; unfortunately it was the visitors who triumphed, adding another shot to win their rink and take the two points.

Romilly's win, 93-55, and 12 points still leaves them in second place, two points behind the leaders but with a game in hand - this is being played against Troedyrhiw on Friday, August 7 at Romilly Park at 5.30pm followed by a Saturday game away to Caerphilly.

ROMILLY 'A' V ST. MELLONS

Unbeaten Romilly 'A' travelled to the other side of Cardiff to play St. Mellon's in a C M L Division 5 league game hoping to continue their fine form, but apprehensive about playing on the carpet green where they have struggled in the past.

There were some changes to the Romilly line up in particular skip Andrew Hacher missing through holidays, but his position was taken by the versatile Roger Jones; also Phil Gershenson and Gwynne Rees, part of the club team squad come in as leads.

The game began with the Romilly players attempting to hold the home side while getting used to the carpet surface and this they managed, being just four down at the fifth end even with Dessie Bannister's rink losing 10 shots without reply.

Bannister's rink continued to struggle over the next five ends falling further behind 4-17; Howard Jones' rink was also struggling and behind 7-14. Tony Freeman's rink were three behind at the same stage but Roger Jones' rink of Gwynne Rees, Tony Jones and Bryn Gough were competing well and held a two shot lead at the end of the 10th.

By the 15th end Roger Jones' rink had increased their lead to seven shots but the other three Romilly rinks were still struggling - Bannister by 17 shots and the rinks skipped by Tony Freeman and Howard Jones were down by five and four shots respectively.

At the start of the 16th end the 'Rom' had to make up a deficit of 14 shots - not impossible but hopes were shattered when a further seven shots were dropped over all Romilly rinks making their task of winning overall virtually impossible.

The focus now was for Romilly to pick up

some rink points and Roger Jones' rink, having lead throughout, continued strongly over the final ends to gain their two points winning 26-17.

Howard Jones rink of Phil Gershenson, Denis Mottram and Paul Clarke, who struggled up to the 17th end and four behind, finished with a flourish, scoring seven shots over the last four ends to win 20-17, gaining another two points.

The rink of Freeman, with Colin Davies, Mike Gronow and Bob Wyatt, were fighting hard throughout and were never more than five behind but with six ends to play they lost five of the last six ends 1-11, losing heavily 9-24.

Bannister's rink who had been well behind throughout collected nine shots over the final five ends doubling their score to 18 but still lost 18-27, leaving St Mellon's as the victors by 73-85, taking 10 points to Romilly's four.

Although this was a disappointing result and first league defeat, games on carpet greens are a potential slippery slope and Romilly have another one shortly against Rhoose, but have the knowledge that their nearest rivals Blaenrhondda also have to visit these two venues.

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Countdown to start of the season for Cowbridge RFC

WITH just over four weeks to go for the start of the rugby season, Cowbridge RFC coaches Leigh Davies and Dan Williams have upped the intensity at training.

The first game of the season is on Saturday, September 5 at home against Tonyrefail. The coaches have been pleased at the attendance and commitment of a mixture of seniors and youth that augurs well for the campaign.

As always we could do with extra players and at the senior level it would be great to run two teams on a regular basis. Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm at the Athletic Field and new players will be given a great welcome.

The first XV finished last season on a high note with fine victories over Old Illydians and St. Albans and captain Huw Lougher will be looking to continue that form at the start of the new season.

Unfortunately we are losing physio

Heather Jarvis this season. Heather has done fantastic job for the club over several years and will be sorely missed by all - we wish her all the best for the future.

We therefore need a new physio and if anyone reading this is interested please contact club secretary Alun Griffiths or the clubhouse; the numbers can be found on the club website

The club sent a sevens team to Tondy last Saturday and performed well against some top class opponents. Unfortunately club stalwart Rhod Walker suffered a nasty injury and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Following the first game against Tonyrefail the next four games are as follows - September 12, Tylorstown away; September 19, Caercoch away; October 3 Glyncroft away; October 10 Cefn Coed home.

Finally the club will be showing the Wales v Ireland game on Saturday kick off 2.30pm; come down and start the season early.

RV/RK

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00748/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed construction of two apartment blocks each containing four apartments
Location/Lleoliad:	Vacant land, The Limes, Cowbridge
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00798/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Replacement of existing support structure at front of the building. Existing bressummer beam is to be replaced by a proposed Gablepost steel support structure comprising beams and column. Making good to existing damaged render
Location/Lleoliad:	34, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II*

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00841/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg:	New single storey garden room extension and minor alterations to existing East range
Location/Lleoliad:	Ysgubor Wen, Llanfarcarn
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00649/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Installation of a 5mw solar farm and associated infrastructure
Location/Lleoliad:	The Farm, lane South East from St. Hilary to Llanfarcarn boundary, St. Hilary
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Old Beaupre Castle and Barn, Grade I

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00752/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Construction of five bedroom detached property
Location/Lleoliad:	74, Murch Road, Dinas Powys
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Nos. 1-6 Little Orchard, Murch, Grade II

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00758/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	New single storey garden room extension and minor alterations to existing East range
Location/Lleoliad:	Ysgubor Wen, Llanfarcarn
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Ysgubor Wen, Llanfarcarn, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00601/RES
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Reserved Matters for part of site (relating to outline consent 2013/00884/OUT) for a total of 134 dwellings and associated landscaping and works (amended description)
Location/Lleoliad:	Land to the West of Port Road, Wenvoe

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00782/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Installation and operation of a solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, access tracks, fencing, pole mounted CCTV cameras and waterless toilet for the life of the solar farm
Location/Lleoliad:	Morfa Farm, Morfa Lane, Llantwit Major

May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00601/RES
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Reserved Matters for part of site (relating to outline consent 2013/00884/OUT) for a total of 134 dwellings and associated landscaping and works (amended description)
Location/Lleoliad:	Land to the West of Port Road, Wenvoe

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00639/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	The construction of a stone access track from existing track at a point adjacent to entrance to solar farm, to kaeside and construction of a new 6 no. space car park adjacent to Lakeside
Location/Lleoliad:	Llantrithyd Lake, Treguff Farm, Llantrithyd

Departure from Development Plan / Gwro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/00817/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed dwelling
Location/Lleoliad:	The Vineyard, Lavernock Road, Penarth

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 6 August, 2015

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Seaview Lads July results

SOME good fish are coming out with plenty of hounds on the boats and some on the shore along with all the regular summer species.

As to the 'summer' climate, anglers have faced a mix of conditions that at times have made fishing difficult.

The first competition of July saw some good weights being landed with Roy Harding bagging up on eels for an impressive winning weight of over 13kg.

The recent Weymouth trip was a great success but spoiled by inclement weather. It didn't stop members landing a range of species including mullet, bream, ballan wrasse, smelt, pout,

pollack, whiting, red gurnard, corkwing wrasse, silver eels, tompot blennies and black gobies.

Sadly most were very small but it was great fun all the same. In the absence of good fish the lads enjoyed some sightseeing around the Dorset coastline and a few stiff hikes to blast away the cobwebs - roll on next year!

RESULTS

July 5 - 1st R Harding 13.708kg (seven congers)
Sully; 2nd C Mcinery 6.060kg (best conger 3.490kg); 3rd K Salah 2.480kg; 4th M Langford 1.665kg; 5th S Farmer 1.320kg; 6th P Crook 0.400 kg.

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SULLY BRIDGE CLUB

RESULTS for Monday, July 27, North/South:

1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 62.27, 2nd Shirley Powell/Judy Collins 58.56, 3rd Alan Jones/Marjorie Morgan 57.18. East/West: 1st Huw Thomas/Celia Thomas 64.35, 2nd Anne Macdougall/Anne Hilary Jones 63.43, 3rd David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins 53.94.

Results for Wednesday, July 29, North/South: 1st Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 63.19, 2nd Joan Andrews/Joy Secular 60.65, 3rd Vernon Pearn/Peter Blackwell 57.41. East/West: 1st John Pikoulis/Jane Greatrex 67.13, 2nd Judy Collins/Una Gavin 62.04, 3rd Tish Beere/Pat James 54.63

Results for Saturday, August 1, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 80.16, 2nd Sheila Kavanagh/Joan Thompson 50.79, 3rd Kay Dyer/Reg Dyer 59.40. East/West: 1st Anne Macdougall/Sean Macdougall 64.24, 2nd Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 57.64, 3rd Brenda Shepherd/Una Gavin 47.57.

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Barry gymnasts in a national competition

THE rhythmic team mate Saffie under-12: Jasmine Dancey, judges Tayla gymnastics Welsh Monteiro following Weston (1st), Ashleigh Gerrish and Abbie national championships, which closely behind with Marsh (3rd). Novice L3 Williams, volunteer Gina recently took place at beautiful performances on the day.

Barry YMCA rhythmic squad have five gymnasts who gained places on the Future Hopes programme: Kiara Llewellyn, Saffie Monteiro, Seren Powell, Olivia Deans-Hunt and Elle Eyao. Future Hopes is a programme identifying promising young talent for development for future Commonwealth Games. As well as being identified for this programme, Kiara has also recently retained her place in the Welsh national rhythmic gymnastic development squad.

To add to her achievements, Kiara also competed in the British national development plan finals at Fenton Manor in May, a major achievement for someone so young and new to the sport. A name to look out for in the future we think!

Results: Novice L1 under-10: Olivia Deans-Hunt (1st), Seren Powell (2nd), Evelyn Smith (3rd), Imogen Payne, Jessica Doogue, Eloise Hayes-Knight, Nyah Perry, Erin Goddard, Elan Jones and Fejya Hillberg. Novice L1

A fantastic day was had by all gymnasts with an amazing total of 15 medals being brought back to the club along with four Welsh champions - Chloe Johns-Thwaite who retained her senior L3 title for the second year running; Freya Evans junior L3 champion, Jasmine Weston under-12 L1 champion and Olivia Deans-Hunt under-10 L1 champion. In addition, Chloe Johns-Thwaite was awarded the Iris Parry Cup for the highest scores of the day.

In the Future Hopes section of the competition, Kiara Llewellyn gained second place overall, with Barry

under-12: Jasmine Dancey, judges Tayla Weston (1st), Ashleigh Gerrish and Abbie Marsh (3rd). Novice L3 Williams, volunteer Gina under-12: Emily Doogue (2nd), Seren Williams (3rd), Ruby Cook, Maisie Lewis. Novice L3 junior - Freya Evans (1st); novice L3 senior - Chloe Johns-Thwaite (1st). Future Hopes - Kiara Llewellyn (2nd), Saffie Monteiro.

Well done to all the girls who took part, as this was the first ever experience of a competition for some. All performed beautifully executed routines.

Thank you also to coaches Karen Johns, Ffion Byrne and Lesley Barry.

Golfer lands hole-in-one

A Dinas Powys golfer will have no excuse for missing his next tee-time after winning a limited-edition BOSS watch for achieving a hole-in-one.

Lewis Davies, 38, scored his ace on the 127-yard, par-three 18th at Dinas Powys GC, and the nine-handicapper was rewarded with membership of the exclusive BOSS Watches H1Club and a specially-commissioned, commemorative timepiece.

The scheme is open to any golfer whose club uses HowDidiDo - a free-to-use, web-based social network for golfers - and anybody playing in official club competitions is eligible. Currently, more than 1,800 clubs use the website.

In addition to the limited-edition watch, Davies joins more than 7,000 members in the BOSS Watches H1Club which offers access to exclusive benefits and merchandise.

Brynhill ladies play away!



THE golf course at Cradoc was played by the Brynhill ladies for their 'away day' this year.

We were fortunate with the weather, a sunny day with little wind and panoramic views of the Brecon Beacons over the 18 holes. Dinner was followed by presentation to the winners - first team Linda Gershenshen, Sue Bouds and Liz Fine; second team Miggs Codd, Andrea Page and Carol Bumford; nearest the pin - Jane Phillips; longest drive - Linda Hewlett.

The journey home was accompanied by the usual singing and laughter.

COMPETITION RESULTS

July 14, John Lowden Cup, Foundation Brooch and G.U.W. - winner Glynis Gould, net 73, runner-up Liz Taylor, net 75; July 21, vice captain's day - silver winner Sam Pascoe, 38 pts; bronze winner Miggs Codd 40 pts.

After presentation vice captain Liz Fine arranged a game of bingo, another first for the lady golfers; July 28, Bob Hope Cup - silver winner Gemma Evans, 35 pts; Holland and Tattersall cup - winner Gemma Evans, 35pts, runner-up Linda Hewlett, 32 pts.

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New Developments Channel Heights Rhoose Point and Llangan



Artist's impression

Newydd Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development of 21 houses in **Channel Heights, Rhoose**.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members, with a local connection to Rhoose (local work, family, or life connections). A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

The development will consist of:

- two, four-bedroom houses (rent £115.25 per week plus service charges)
- nine, three-bedroom houses (rent £105.64 per week plus service charges)
- ten, two-bedroom houses (rent £98.04 per week plus service charges).

Newydd Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for these new developments.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
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Newydd Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development of ten properties at **St Cannas Green, Llangan**.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4U members with a local connection to Llangan (local work, family or life connections). A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

The development will consist of:

- one, four-bedroom house (rent £115.25 per week plus service charges)
- two, three-3 bedroom houses (rent £105.64 per week plus service charges)
- three, two-bedroom houses, (rent £98.04 per week plus service charges)
- four, one-bedroom flats (rent £80.70 per week plus service charges).



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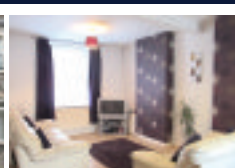
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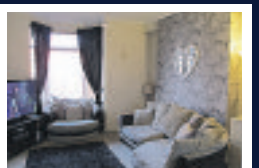
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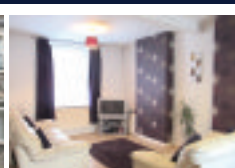
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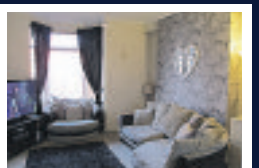
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Barry RFC celebrates a fine season with awards ceremony at the Memorial Hall

BARRY Rugby Club held its annual awards evening at the Barry Memorial Hall to bring to a close a season which saw the first XV gain promotion to the second division of the Swalec Leagues.

All other sections of the club also had successful seasons and with a lot to celebrate some 250 players, coaches and guests gathered to enjoy a fine meal provided by David Pereira, followed by the aptly-named band Slipped Disc, who kept the dance floor filled until the early hours.

In between it was the time to present awards for each team, with lots of difficult decisions having to be made.

Recipients of club badges, awarded for completing 50 games for the club, were Joe Gallivan and Luke O'Sullivan.

In the ladies' section, player of the year was Louise Shanihan, who also shared the player's player award with Lucy Cahill. Anna O'Neill received the most improved award with Lynsey Phillips being made clubwoman of the year.

The final award for the ladies was the 'spirit of the Bombettes' which this year went to Jessica Dix.

In the youth section, player of the year was Lloyd James with most improved going to

Teifion Osborne.

The second and third XV awards were presented to Rhidian Mephram and Liam Ring as players of the year with Lloyd Dutton and Leighton Jones winning the most improved player category.

For the first XV, the player of the year was presented to Alun Evans with Brad White earning the most improved award; the club player of the year was made to Gareth Hall.

Other awards were as follows: Bethan Howell award went to Tom Perry, the chairman's award was presented to Ioan Evans, with the final award of clubman of the year received by first team captain, Martin Tanner. Congratulations go to all winners.

With the main awards complete it was time to make presentations of club caps, an award which recognises an achievement of having played 300 games for the first XV.

The cap, which has only been presented six times in the history of the club, was this year awarded to Dave Provis and Martin Tanner, and was presented to them by Andrew Prosser and Rhidian Scott, two previous recipients of this prestigious award.

The award ceremony was conducted as ever with the usual aplomb by club president Mal Scott.



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AJ

Cadoxton pipped in a top of the table encounter

TWO of the top teams clashed at Victoria Park when Cadoxton hosted this match against Llantrisant which could possibly decide the league winners.

The match lived up to the expectations and with neither side giving much away the scores stayed close throughout the game. Cadoxton were slightly in front for most of the game and by the sixth end the advantage was 10 shots with all four rinks in front.

This difference stayed about the same until the 13th with three rinks up and the advantage still 10. Unfortunately, four bad ends left them trailing by three shots, with two rinks up and two down. After the 18th end the scores were level, and Cadoxton took a four shot lead on the next.

On the penultimate end the scores were level once more. The now vital last end brought two wins for each side but leading Roy Harding, leading by two, attempted to trail the jack for four shots turned an opposing bowl in to give them two shots and tie the rink.

Howard Craven, leading by four on his rink, conceded a two. John Jones' rink reduced a three shot deficit with a single. This left the last rink on, skipped by Don Kuhnell, to make three to tie the rink and the game.

Both skips had a bowl left with, with an open head and the closest bowl a yard or more away from the jack. The visiting skip drew the shot with his final bowl. The third Gordon Davies

called for it to be taken out as Cadoxton probably were holding three second shots.

Both teams were eagerly awaiting the outcome and a loud cheer came from the Cadoxton team as the bowl was removed but unluckily it hit into the Cadoxton bowls and only one shot was credited to Cadoxton. This was only the second time during the game that Cadoxton were behind.

Scores: H Hellyar, I Robertson, G Davies, D Kuhnell 21 - 23; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgoy, R Harding 18 - 18; S Clarke, P Ellis, D Brook, J Jones 15 - 17; G Solomon, L Adams, D Jeffries, H Craven 16 - 14. Final score: 70 - 72.

CADOXTON 'A' V SPOOTT PHOENIX - CML7

Following selection the Cadoxton 'A' side had a full team and a reserve, but unfortunately by the time match day came around, this luxury was depleted once again.

The 14 stalwarts, however, turned up to travel to Sploott, with smiling faces ready to enjoy the afternoon come what may. Unfortunately the enthusiasm did not bring good results.

One rink skipped by Ian Heppenstall, and supported by Stan Clements, Ray Morris and captain Dennis Hammond, were level on the penultimate end but a single took away the glory.

Scores: J Stacey, R Cole, L Davies 13 - 18; E Heppenstall, R Byrne, D Fanning 7 - 31; S Clements, R Morris, D Hammond, I Heppenstall 16 - 17; G Powell, J

Smart, A Prince, A Carpenter 7 - 38. Final score: 43 - 104.

CADOXTON V LLANTWIT MAJOR-MUNRO CUP

A weak Cadoxton side hosted this Munro Cup match against Llantwit Major and were heavily defeated.

The scores were tied at 5-5 on the rink skipped by John Jones against Graham Jones, after eight ends. However the next four ends decided the result in the visitor's favour, when 10 shots were conceded.

Paul Swannick playing in the unaccustomed role as skip against Eric Sparkes was also tied at 7-7 at the halfway stage. The chance of success for the home side disappeared with two '5's conceded in the closing stages.

Howard Craven met opposing skip Steve Booker and after an early '5' against could not get back into contention when a further '5' and three '3's settled the result.

Ivor Robertson was the skip of the final rink against Neville Young and never got into the game with just four winning ends.

Scores: J Stacey, A Prince, G Davies, I Robertson 9-31 J Crane, L Fry, A Wood, N Young; S Clements, D Fanning, D Hammond, P Swannick 14 - 22 J Ball, M Harman, K Alexander, E Sparkes; E Heppenstall, R Byrne, D Jeffries, J Jones 11-17 F Pike, G Marchant, P

Twoomey, G Jones; G Powell, I Heppenstall, G Solomon, H Craven 12 - 26 L Fowler, D Jones, S Booker. Final score: 46 - 96. **DK**

Richard honoured with award



RICHARD BELBY, chairman of the Island Marine, has been awarded the community coach of the year at the recent 2015 FAW Welsh Community Football Awards.

The club currently has two senior, one youth, three junior and 10 mini sides with ages from 5-18. Richard has been involved in coaching many of the players within the sides and dedicates many hours to developing players within the club.

An Island Marine spokesman said: "Everyone involved with the Marine is delighted that Richard has won this award. Without him this club would not be as successful as it is at present."

"He spends a lot of time looking after issues within the club as well as coaching the children during the week. He is an extremely good coach and the players love the sessions he puts on as he always makes the children feel like Premier League superstars." Everyone at the

Island Marine is very proud of Richard and his dedication and hard work highlights how far the club has expanded over the years.

The club is currently trying to recruit players for their under-12 (Year 7) and under-13 (Year 8) sides - don't miss out as you could have the chance to be coached by the community coach of the year!

Richard was presented with his award at the club's recent picnic held at Porthkerry Park, in which all mini and junior sides were in attendance. **NO**

ABOVE: Richard Belby pictured at the Island Marine's recent picnic with some of the club's youngsters.

COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

THERE were three home games for our ladies last week with some fine performances and good results.

On Monday, July 27, in the two rink Evening League against St Fagans, Cowbridge were unfortunate to lose overall by just one shot. Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Sylvia Hole, Phyllis Price and Lynda Wilson (skip) 11-17; Sian Lewis, Diane Lloyd, Kay Edwards and Dorothy Pritchard (skip) 15-10. Match score: Cowbridge 26, St Fagans 27.

On Wednesday, July 30, Cowbridge entertained Pencoed in the Cowbridge Shield competition. A fine performance by Kay Edwards' quartet secured an overall win for the home team. Rink scores: Diane Purnell, Diane Lloyd, Jan Lewis and Kay Edwards (skip) 28-5; Janet Morton, Dorothy Pritchard, Shirley Wilkinson and Joy Woolford (skip) 17-20; Sandra Collin, Caryll Davies, Phyllis Price and Pat Holdsworth (skip) 12-14. Match score: Cowbridge 57, Pencoed 39.

Their third game saw the Windsor Club from Penarth visiting. This was a league match in which Cowbridge took maximum points winning well on all three rinks. Rink scores: Dorothy Pritchard, Diane Lloyd, Kay Edwards and Joan Bradley (skip) 24-10; Lynda Wilson, Jan Lewis, Pat Holdsworth and Helena Snelling (skip) 26-15; Dianne Purnell, Phyllis Price, Joy Woolford and Shirley Wilkinson (skip) 35-8. Match score: Cowbridge 85, Windsor 33.

The men played two games last week - both away. The first was a Munro Cup game played at Murch, Dinas Powis, and the second a Saturday league game at Treharris. Both games were played on grass greens, notoriously heavy, and finding weight of shot would not be easy.

In the Munro Cup game Cowbridge lost overall by six shots, won on two rinks and lost on the other two, gaining four points out of the possible 14. Rink scores: Ron Frayling, John Collin, Rob Lewis and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 17-16; Terry Dunsdown, Ron Woolford, Brian Kent and Bob Penn (skip) 10-22; Brian Hole, Len Taylor, Guy Morton and Clive Pritchard (skip) 20-14; Gerry Lloyd, Mick Davey, Brian Williams and Colin Wilson (skip) 14-15. Match score: Cowbridge 61, Murch 67.

In the league game Treharris were two players short and Cowbridge were looking to take maximum points from another team at the bottom of the table. However, again Cowbridge lost overall, this time by just five shots. At one time Cowbridge was on course for a win but faded on the last few ends on two of the rinks and could only muster four points from the 14 available.

Rink scores: Ron Frayling, Colin Wilson, John Trott and Brian Williams (skip) 17-20; John Jones, Rob Lewis, Guy Morton and Norman Wilkinson (skip) 19-18; Terry Dunsdown, Bryan Hole, Michael Bradley and Roger Barwick (skip) 20-26; Mansel Davey, Len Taylor, Clive Pritchard and Bob Penn (skip) 17-14. Match score: Cowbridge 73, Treharris 78.

Cowbridge will need a win from their next home game this Saturday - the visitors are Llantwit Major.

The first was a Munro Cup game played at

MILLWOOD BOWLING CLUB ROUND-UP

MILLWOOD suffered another Munro Cup defeat, this time at the hands of Barry Romilly by a 22 shot margin, going down 82-60.

Barry Romilly won on three of the four rinks available, Millwood's one winning rink avoiding a complete whitewash. We haven't done as well as we started off in this season's cup run, winning six but sadly losing seven with only two more to play.

After the first four ends had been played, the scores were tied at 10-10. In the next five ends, Romilly put their foot on the gas and led Millwood by 21 shots, 20-41.

Millwood then started to pull back some of the deficit by only trailing after the 13th end by eight shots at 44-53. Could Millwood pull off an unlikely win in the last quarter of the game?

Sadly the answer was that Romilly put the pressure on again and took an unassailable 22 shot winning margin to finish at 60-82.

Looking at the rink scores, the closest either side got to the other was a seven shot difference. Well done Romilly and Millwood for playing the game in the true spirit of bowls, and enjoying each others company and hospitality - maybe next year a different result?

Millwood travelled to Rumney hoping for a win to keep their chances of promotion alive, even though, as Division 4 leaders, they are four points ahead of Gelligaig; Gelligaig did not play so a win was really needed.

Millwood did the business and came away with a 12 points to 2 win against Rumney, 94-68.

As the game started, so the rain came, but as it was only a short shower or two, it didn't affect the running of the green too much. After the first five ends had been played, Millwood were in the lead at 17 shots to 11.

At the break after the 10th end, Millwood had a 15 shot lead over Rumney at 46-31. When the 15th end had been played the lead that

Millwood had was increased to 21 shots on 65-44.

Millwood even increased the lead even further over the last six ends, and finished the game with the 94-68 winning margin, to seal the 12 points needed to consolidate their position on top.

The win was due to rinks 1 and 2 winning by 18 shots and 16 shots respectively, while rink 4 lost by 12 shots, due to the 'home' skip pulling off some really good bowling to keep the home score more respectable.

Well done Millwood for a really needed good win. We have a bye before our next game, away to Thomastown on August 15, so if Gelligaig win their games in hand, the end of the season should be quite interesting!

We know that we have the ability to do what is necessary, so let's do it!

A 92-57 defeat was certainly not the result that Millwood 'A' side wanted at this stage of the season, not picking up a single point against Ynysybwll 'A'.

The plan started to come adrift after the first five ends when Ynysybwll went 10 shots ahead and led at 9-19.

Even trying to cut down the deficit came to no avail, for at the 10th end the lead had increased to 25-40.

In the third quarter of the game, Millwood went even further adrift to trail by 41-66 to the visitors.

When the final end had been played, Ynysybwll had made a clean sweep and won by a hefty 35 shots, 57-92.

The visitors had a massive winning rink in rink 3, winning by 17 shots (half their winning margin!).

This defeat has certainly put a big dent in Millwood 'A' promotion plans, but we are sure that the lads have the resilience to overcome this defeat and do their best for the rest of the season's games.

Next on the list is away to Llantwit Major, second in the division!

Captain's prize weekend at Brynhill Golf Club

THE captain's prize weekend is a prestigious competition in the Brynhill golfing calendar.

This year the captain Rhys Jones prayed to the golfing gods for good weather and they answered his prayers! 122 golfers entered the competition on the Saturday and 131 players on Sunday.

All teed off hoping of that one special competition win especially with the fantastic prizes on display. A tent was put near the 10th tee for light refreshments and for the players to donate some money to the captain's charity.

Woe betide any golfer who didn't dig into their pockets deeply enough as many of the golfer's wives were there overseeing the proceedings. The ladies' captain Glynis Gould and some of the ladies' golf section manned the scoreboard over the two days.

On both days the players congregated afterwards on the patio, discussing their games, good and bad.

The presentation was held in the clubhouse on Sunday evening, where captain Rhys Jones thanked Iain Grant and his staff for the way they presented the course, the caterer Mark Donnmett, bar manageress Kath Foran and her staff, the ladies in the refreshment tent,

the ladies' captain Glynis Gould and the ladies section for their help and support, the handicap secretary Derek Coombes who works hard behind the scenes making sure everything is correct for the presentation, Matthew Owen the club professional and last but not least Rhys' vice captain Matthew Thomas for all his help and support. Last but not least he thanked the members.

The captain congratulated Keith Atkinson, the club's president and his wife on their 57th wedding anniversary. The president thanked the captain for putting on such a great weekend and was delighted that the members had wholeheartedly supported the weekend.

The results are as follows: Saturday - Best nett Chris Phillips, 67; best gross Dave Slee 74 (37 back 9). Sunday - Best nett Mike Knight 67; best gross Jamie Griffiths 78. Saturday and Sunday - Overall best nett Phil Browne 144; overall best nett Scott Warne 154.

The overall winners both won a Garmin GPS watch and other prizes included golf wear from the Brynhill professional shop.

JK

MB

Evie sets gold standard at championships!



OVER the weekend of July 18-19, nearly 400 Nippers from across Wales took part in the Welsh Surf Lifesaving championships held this year at Whitmore Bay, Barry Island.

With Rhosce Lifeguards hosting the competition this year their team of Nippers competed in a number of beach and sea races including boards, sea swims, sprints, flags and many more.

Mixed weather was predicted but fortunately the rain held off for the weekend and everyone enjoyed a sunny but breezy couple of days.

With the competition located around the recently regenerated Eastern promenade end of the bay, the Nippers, their families and supporters and the many officials on the day enjoyed a great day on the beach either competing or spectating.

All of the Rhosce Nippers once again put in some great performances with individual Welsh champion gold medals going to Xantia Hobrough, Gwenno Goode and Evie Watkins.

Special congratulations to Evie Wong who won gold in all of her races, collecting a very impressive six medals in her individual events.

Individual event medal winners were: Evie Wong – gold surf swim,

gold board, gold flags, gold super nipper, gold beach sprint, gold beach run; Evie Watkins – gold beach sprint, silver beach run; Xantia Hobrough – gold surf wade, bronze flags, bronze super nipper, bronze beach sprint, bronze beach run; Gwenno Goode – bronze board, gold flags, silver super nipper, silver beach sprint, gold beach run; Katie Sims – bronze surf wade; Emily Parker – bronze board, bronze super nipper; Ben Ewington – bronze board, silver super nipper; Cian Davies – silver flags, bronze super nipper; Alex Moignard – silver flags, Elliana Phillips – bronze flags; Robert Grice – silver flags; Matthew Sims – bronze flags; Elian Davies – silver flags; Ruby Phillips – silver super nipper, silver beach sprint; Scarlett Davies – silver beach run; Moli Lyons – bronze beach run.

Many more medals were won in the pair and team events. The team finished the championships in a very impressive second place out of the 13 teams competing.

Rhosce Lifeguard Club would like to thank all of the Nippers who competed and all of the families and helpers who gave up their weekend. Lastly a big thank you to the staff at Bay 5 café for supporting the championships; well done everyone!

JF

Another win for Central

NO local rivalry last Saturday as Bary Central were entertaining Rumney.

Having been on a winning run for a few weeks the Central team were looking forward to yet another challenge to keep their slim chances of promotion alive.

B Castle's rink found the opposition in top form and from their excellent start the Central side found themselves 10 shots to one shot down after seven ends with both teams finding it difficult to work out the rink, comments being made by both teams.

Brian's rink fought back and after 13 ends only found themselves a shot down, 12 shots to 11. However, an eight shot tally by the Rumney team in three ends put paid to Central's chances with the Rumney side

taking two points by winning 25 shots to 14 shots.

The two points that Rumney achieved were the only points won during the afternoon as the remainder of the Central rinks won to take 12 points.

The rink of T Hudd, whose side had been unchanged for several weeks, and had also won their last five games together, got off to an excellent start by 16 shots to 2 after 11 ends, with all of Ted's rink playing very well.

This continued throughout the rest of the game with Central winning comfortably by 29 shots to 9.

T Goddard, who had lost the previous week, gave his team a pep talk before the game started and it proved worthwhile as a tremendous struggle ensued with both sides

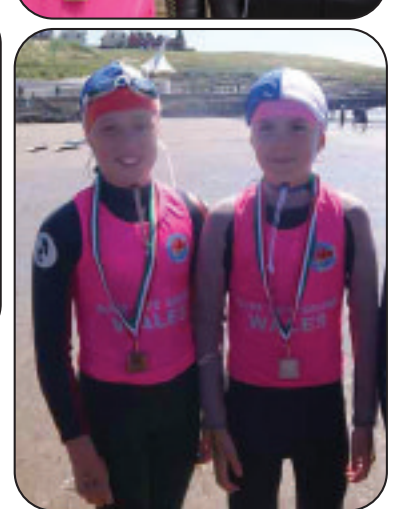
taking an advantage when they could.

On the 16th end Rumney picked up a 5 to lead by five shots; however, with the skip's pep talk still in their minds the Central side picked up six shots to have an excellent victory by 21 shots to 20. Well done Dave and his rink for a great result.

Skipper D.Goddard was looking for another win against strong opposition and this he achieved fairly comfortably. Dave's side found themselves in the lead after 10 ends by 12 shots to 5. With Dave picking up a four on the 15th end the home team won by 24 shots to 12.

The overall result was another win by the Central team by 88 shots to 66, giving Central 12 valuable points to Rumney's 2.

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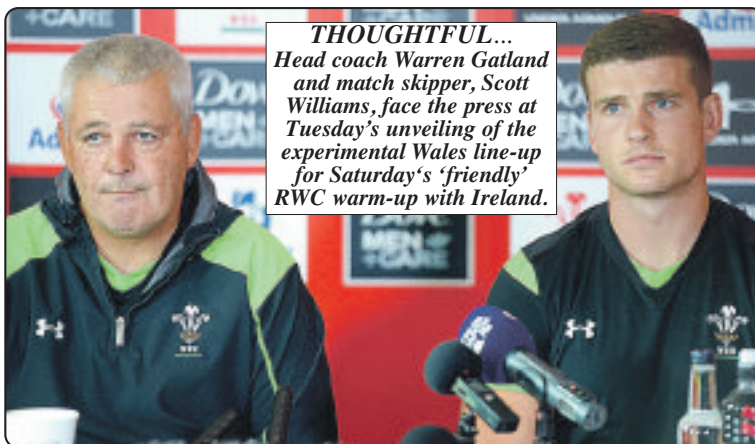
THE famous words, of course, are Winston Churchill's – addressed to the House of Commons on taking over as wartime Prime Minister on May 13, 1940 – but they have found a sporting resonance in the fearsome training regime imposed by Wales' head coach Warren Gatland on his squad of 47 young hopefuls for the Rugby World Cup over the summer months.

"Horrendous"... "Brutal"... "Savage"... "Manic"... "The hardest thing I've ever had to do"...

These were just some of the wry comments wrung from players who admitted they have been tested almost to breaking point, both physically and psychologically, on the rarified heights of Switzerland and energy-sapping, searing heat of Qatar – as well as more

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John



THOUGHTFUL...
Head coach Warren Gatland and match skipper, Scott Williams, face the press at Tuesday's unveiling of the experimental Wales line-up for Saturday's 'friendly' RWC warm-up with Ireland.

familiar icy torments back home in their Vale Resort boot camp!

"It's all about taking players out of their comfort zone, trying to do things a bit different, and pushing them right to the limit", says the no-frills ex-All Black hooker – a view endorsed by his equally blunt-spoken lieutenant, Shaun Edwards, a formidable rugby league warrior in his own right.

Both men are cut from the same unashamed winner's cloth in a shared driven need for success, with world rugby's 'holy grail' the immediate focus of their ambition; hence the unprecedented pain inflicted on the players as the tournament draws near.

The extra motivation is understandable given the Welsh camp's continuing bitterness over the controversial red card dismissal of skipper Sam Warburton for an illegal, though unintentional tackle, in the 2011 RWC semi-final in New Zealand, which many observers had felt merited just 10 minutes in the 'sin bin'.

Not only did it result in a one-point (9-8) loss for Wales against a misfiring France, but undoubtedly cost Wales a deserved place in the World Cup final, where the acknowledged form team in the championship would have been strongly fancied against strangely-stuttering All Blacks, who in the end could only scrape to the title with an edgy one-point (8-7) win over the French.

Four years on, the painful memories still

burn deep, but are being used as a positive in the Welsh camp, with Edwards admitting: "We're all still a little bitter from the last one. A controversial refereeing decision took our dream away from us, but I'm thankful to have another chance."

Gatland recalls: "We had a very young team in 2011. We went there with huge confidence in our preparation and it was gut-wrenching to lose in the semi-final... We came away from there feeling very unfulfilled... But we went on to win a Grand Slam" (in 2012) "and some of the players also won a Lions' test series" (against Australia in 2013).

Both players and coaches are adamant that the intense physical and mental preparation for RWC 2015 has been "a step up from 2011", with tough drill sergeant Edwards insisting: "The good thing is that with the players having been through all this, if there's an injury, we know others will be ready – and at the level of fitness we require."

Fitness, though, cannot be the end of the story, with other leading nations also giving it the same high priority, as Edwards is quick to point out: "Conditioning is one thing – but we're actually a rugby team. The best team will win the Rugby World Cup – not just the fittest".

Soon the 47 players who have been put through the mill will need to be cut to 36-38 and subsequently pruned down to the 31-strong RWC squad that will go into battle for Wales when the tournament finally kicks off

on September 11.

It is not a task that Gatland is relishing: "When you've seen players put as much in as some of these individuals have, it's the hardest thing to do. I find it very hard" (to tell them they have not made the cut).

That onerous task began this week with the selection of the team to face Ireland at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium on Saturday, in the first of three so-called 'friendly' fixtures, in the run-up to the tournament proper next month.

With little concrete to report, the ever-fixed Welsh sporting media has excitedly seized on any morsel of 'news' emanating from the Welsh camp, and has amused itself for weeks by endlessly speculating on which players were likely to be in or out of the final mix.

Inevitably, the new-look team including four new caps announced on Tuesday, will be scrutinised for clues as to the Kiwi's thinking, though it is doubtful if anything substantial can be construed from the experimental shake-up at this early stage of the campaign.

While a win is always the primary objective in any sport, on this occasion the outcome is likely to be rather less important than what can be gleaned from individual performances.

In this context, therefore, it will be a useful early marker of Wales' strength in depth and is a genuine opportunity for less established 'fringe' players to remind the coaches of what they too can offer at this level.

Among others, it will be particularly interesting to see if restored half-backs, James Hook and Mike Phillips, can seize this rare chance to impress and clinch a World Cup spot.

WALES TEAM TO FACE IRELAND

Hallam Amos (Newport Gwent Dragons); Alex Cuthbert (Cardiff Blues), Tyler Morgan (Newport Gwent Dragons), Scott Williams (Scarlets, captain), Eli Walker (Ospreys); James Hook (Gloucester Rugby), Mike Phillips (Racing Metro); Nicky Smith (Ospreys), Richard Hibbard (Gloucester), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Jake Ball (Scarlets), Dominic Day (Bath Rugby), Ross Moriarty (Gloucester Rugby), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys, vice-captain), Dan Baker (Ospreys).

REPLACEMENTS:

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